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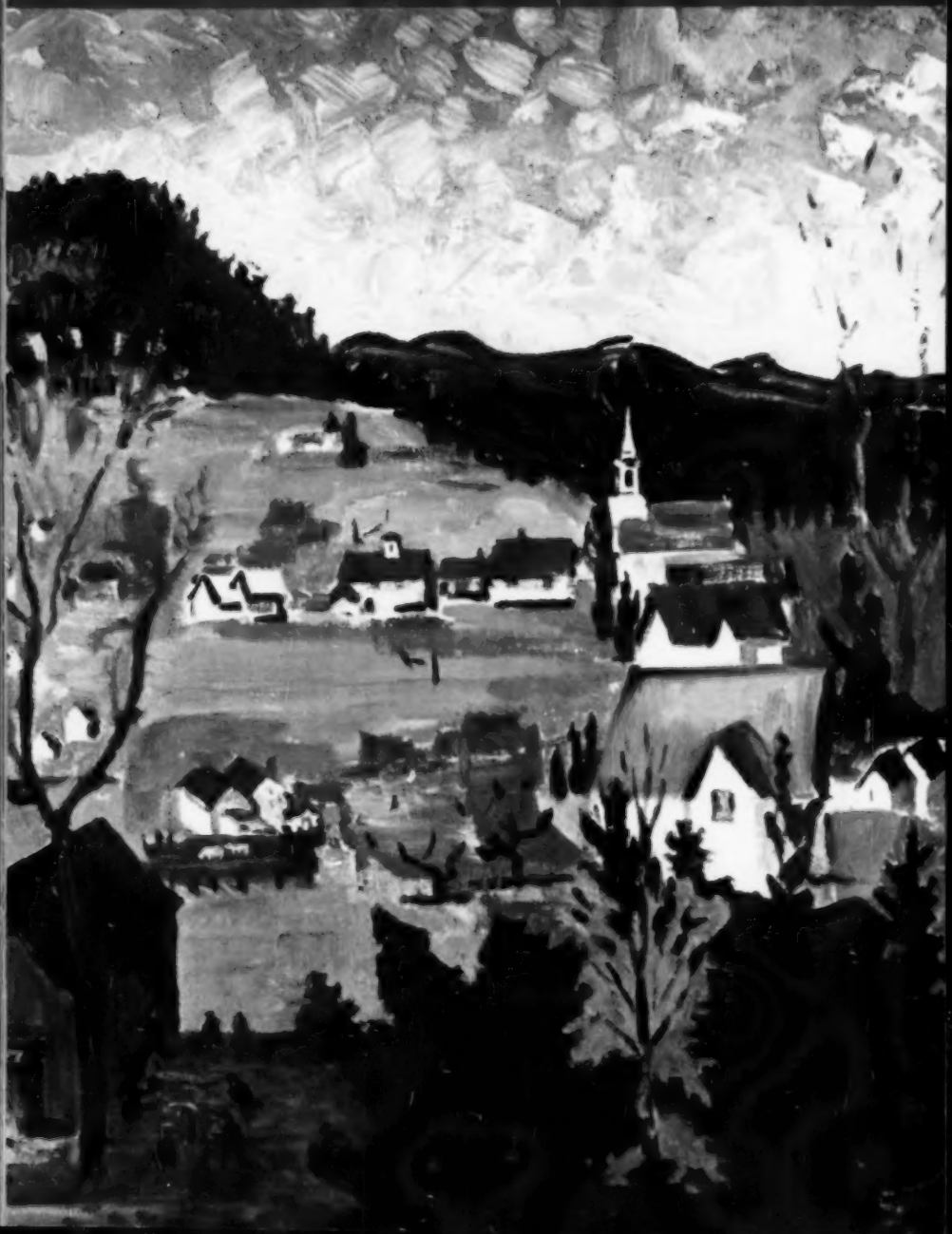

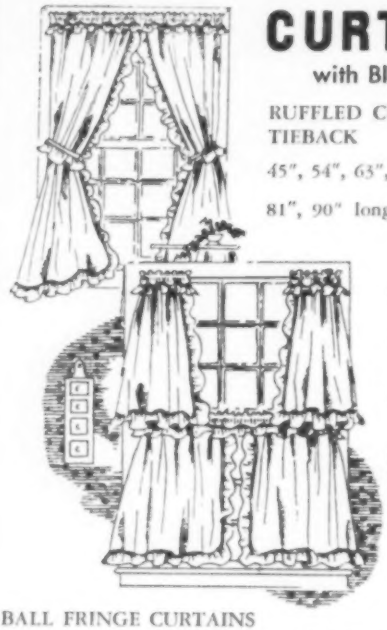

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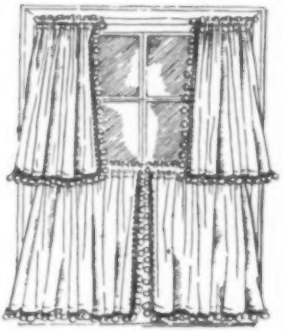

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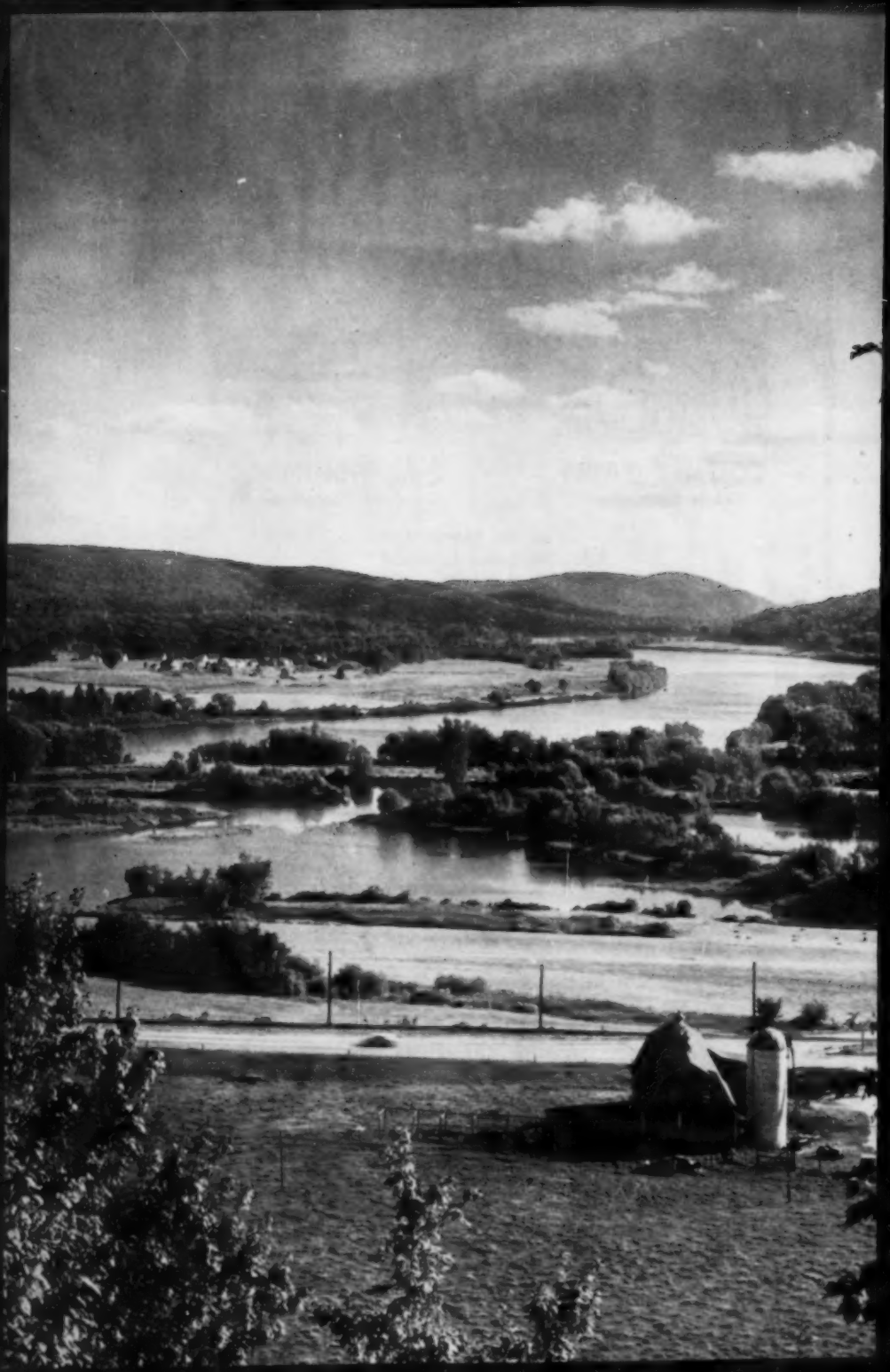

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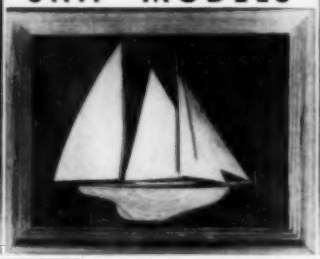

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Answer: A butternut has a soft meat, very apt to crumble when the shell is broken, but our old Uncle Moses, who was an uncanny genius, used to take 'em out into his shop and just crunch 'em gently, clean around the shell, in his wooden bench vise. If you were thefty about it, you could pick off the fragments of shell and leave the meat whole. Old Great-aunt Mehitable always claimed that if you boiled 'em a spell the shells would get soft and could be peeled off leaving the meat whole, but we never actually saw it done. Besides, Great-aunt Mehitable always acted odd when the moon fulled and folks didn't take her too seriously.

►*Calif.: Dear Oracle:* Can you spit to windward? If so, where did you learn? W.F.N.

Answer: No, we can't. The only men we knew who could were certain more or less exalted members of the afterguard. One or two of such men could look a nor-wester square in the eye and dare it to start something, but we never achieved any such rating, fortitude or valor.

►*Kansas: Dear Oracle:* My folks were Yankees and I have heard of raising tobacco all through New England. Eventually they stopped growing it except in the Connecticut Valley. Why? A.M.

Answer: People became wiser and weaker—they quit chawing tobacco and even their smoking had to be milder. The rank variety of tobacco grown in Upper New England offended their delicate palates. Anyhow that's what our grandfather said and he tried 'em all.

►*Mass.: Dear Oracle:* From what I have read of your articles in the YANKEE, you're a seafaring man. Now after you read the enclosed article, (The article, from the *Boston Globe*, tells of an oil-tanker which went aground "East-southwest" from Ocean City, Maryland.) can you tell me how a compass would read according to those directions? H.S.P.

Answer: We have messed around on salt water off and on for the heft of our life and the only way that we can think of that would make a compass read like this is to have it towed by a blackfish for at least an entire watch. And even then be cussed and be blowed if we would know how to steer such a course!

►*Ala.: Dear Oracle:* I'm a soldier from Maine, stationed in Alabama. I can't afford Maine license plates for my car so I'd like to put a small sign in my rear window to let people know I'm from Maine and going back. So far all I've thought of is "Maniac Driving" and "From Maine, by Cracky." Can you think of a better Yankee expletive than "by cracky"?

Answer: We know just how you feel. We soldiered a long way from home once. Regarding your query, old-timers of our section used to say, "By Godfrey!" This, we figure, is one of the oldest "by" words of English origin. "By Jove" and "By Jiminy," for example, are Roman.

►*Maine: Dear Oracle:* If you are a sea-faring man, tell me what is a "ring-tail." E.S.

Answer: Certainly. A ring-tail is a sort of bonnet, set on the leach of a ship's spanker, and we'll bet you don't know any more about it now than you did before!

No letters answered except through this column. Watch for yours.

►*Mass.: Dear Oracle:* I have a vague memory of some of my ancesters keeping a trout in a cistern for some purpose. Did you ever hear of such a thing? F.B.

Answer: Not exactly. Old-time wells and open springs always raise their crop of wigglers, blood suckers and skating bugs to say nothing of the moths, dragon flies and other critters that fell in. Old folks used to keep a trout or two in such places to sort of clean up the casualties and control the vermin, as it were. It didn't always work out too well. We remember old Great-Aunt Mehiable hung a bucket of cream in the well one time, getting all fixed to make a strawberry shortcake for the Mite Society supper. She hitched it a mite low and the trout jumped into the cream. When she hauled it up it was butter and the trout had succumbed in the middle of it. 'Twasn't all dead loss, however. She fried the trout for Great Uncle Nathan and salted the butter and sold it!

►*Conn.: Dear Oracle:* Since when has atmospheric pressure in Vermont ever been at thirty pounds per square inch or even 29.50? (See page 13 of June 1959 YANKEE.) "C.S." should be more careful in his comments as to barometric pressures etc. A.M.D.

Answer: Now we don't want to argue, but have you ever attended a town meetin' up Vermont way? Because if you haven't, you couldn't be expected to know that Nothing, Nothing but intense atmospheric pressure could keep some of those debaters from blowing up like a stump-full of dynamite!

►*Del.: Dear Oracle:* Why is it that bees will bunch up when they swarm if you beat on a dish pan or make a similar noise? P.R.

Answer: Bees are a good deal like people. Try the same thing on any average crowd and the result will likely surprise you.

►*Fla.: Dear Oracle:* Wasn't the first self propelled vehicle in America constructed by the mechanics of the Amoskeag Mfg. Company of Manchester, New Hampshire? C.H.M.

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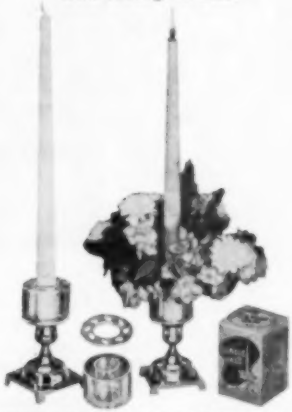

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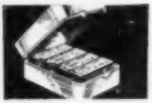

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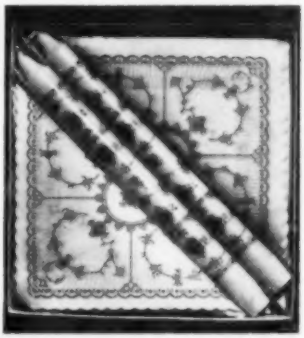

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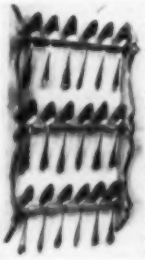

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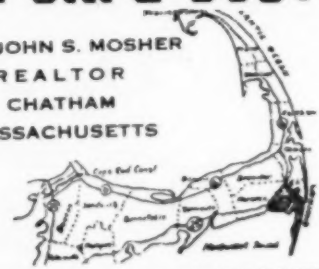

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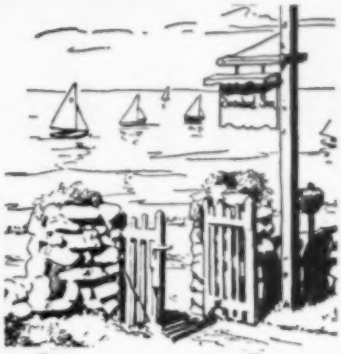

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In Massachusetts, on the Cape, the Barnstable County Fair will take place in Marstons Mills from the 23rd-26th; and in Springfield the Eastern States Exposition, a grand-daddy of a fair, is scheduled for September 19th-27th this year. The Rochester, New Hampshire, Fair nearly coincides, September 19th-26th. The Deerfield (New Hampshire) Fair is slated for October 2nd-4th, Sandwich (still New Hampshire) for October 12th. In Connecticut you'll find the Goshen Fair, 5th-7th; Woodstock Fair, in South Woodstock, 5th-7th; Haddam Neck Fair, East Hampton, 6th-7th; North Haven Fair, 10th-13th; Ledyard Fair (Ledyard Center) 12th; Bethlehem Fair, 12th-13th; Guildford Fair, 18-19th;

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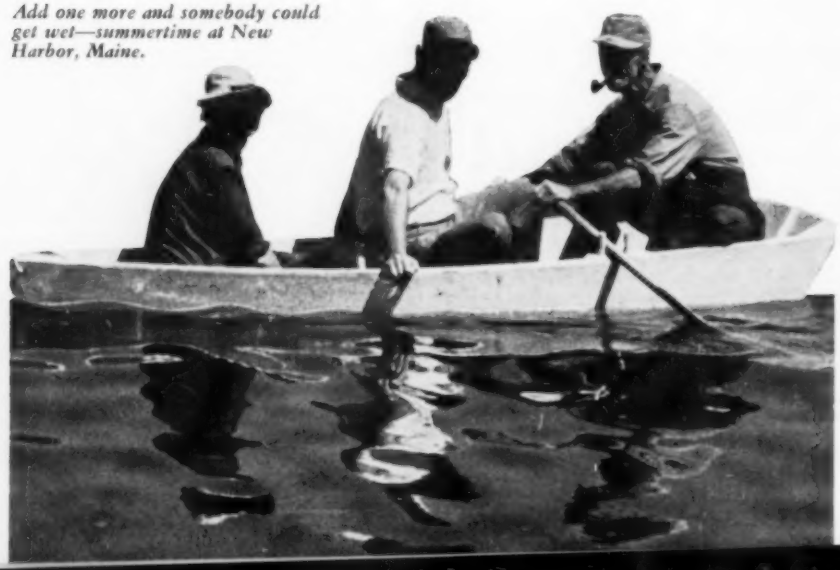

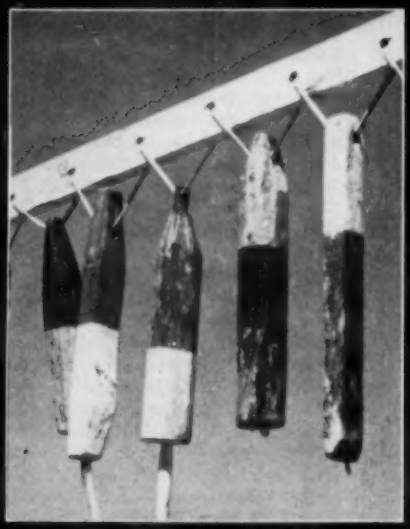

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Other dates

The Southern Vermont Art Center will present its Third One-Man Show Group September 11th through the 20th, and the Ninth Annual Fall Exhibition of Southern Vermont Artists, September 26th through October 12th. In Connecticut, flower lovers should enjoy the Chrysanthemum Show in Bristol, 20th-30th. Also in Connecticut—the Simsbury Antique Show and Sale at the Eno Memorial Hall on Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut from Sept. 16th to the 19th. And in Rhode Island don't forget that annual Fisherman's Ball on the 18th at Sakonnet Point (admission charge: one fish!) and the Indian Pilgrimage at West Kingston, a trek to Great Swamp Memorial, on the 27th.

New Hampshire's fare is varied: The U. S. National Singles Lawn Bowling Championship Tournament will be held at the Spalding Inn in Whitefield, September 11th-14th; the Annual Fall Regatta, on Massabesic Lake (Manchester) 19th and 20th; and on October 3rd and 4th you may gaze at the Veteran Motor Car Club of America convening in Peterborough for its Annual Fall Foliage Outing. Some 150 antique cars will participate in races, time trials, and other shenanigans.

Here and There

We've been interested in our mail this summer—cards and notes from all over Yankeeland each, happily, delighted with its chosen vacation spot. A quick rundown—some we've mentioned recently, some we haven't. Sebasco Lodge, on Casco Bay in Maine. Real ocean-side living, even a unique lighthouse, where are some of the most popular rooms . . . Nubble Cove Cottages, also in Maine, at York Beach. Attractive appointments of the housekeeping cottages especially mentioned . . . And still in Maine, Henderson Camps in Jackman, headquarters for fishing and hunting devotees . . . In New Hampshire, the

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One friend sends in a place mat from the Maplehurst Inn in Antrim, New Hampshire, complete with sketch of the inn, and a map. "The food," our correspondent states simply, "is wonderful." . . . A little folder of the Oxen Yoke Inn, also sent by a friend, reminds us that, strange as it seems, winter will soon be on us, and the Oxen Yoke's location, halfway between the town of North Conway and the Cranmore Mountain Skimobile, has much to be said for it . . . The Lodge at Smugglers' Notch, in Stowe, Vermont, is fine any old time. Possibly the upcoming Fall weeks have the scenic edge, for color in all its glory at any rate . . .

Davard's, in West Rindge, New Hampshire, still places great emphasis on relaxation—no alarm clocks, no planned program, but somehow always plenty to do . . . People who've been there always mention the nautical decor and the high-quality food of the Jolly Fisherman restaurant, on Route 7 in Connecticut, just off the Merritt Parkway (exit 39) . . . A Vermont favorite is Cedar Grove Hotel, on Lake Bomoseen, a nine-mile lake on which Cedar Grove has its own private and considerable beach. Country dancing to the tune of a hillbilly orchestra is just part of the fun . . . Suggestion to next year's summer vacationer who's looking for a cool sea breeze: The Straitsmouth Inn in Rockport, Massachusetts, has just that. The sea all but surrounds the Inn and its five cottages, and nearby there are shops, galleries, swimming, fishing, and artists at work. Handy of course, too, for the beautiful drive along the Cape Ann Trail, that most rewarding of trips. . .

A recent stop at the Old Mill, in Westminster, Massachusetts, proved to us that the place has lost none of its charm. The gift shop as usual turned out to be a little *too* charming, for the weak of will . . . The Cold Spring House in Wickford, Rhode Island, has besides its famous Johnny Cake Room, a continuous exhibition of paintings by Gordon Harris and Paule Loring, and furthermore delights in packing picnic lunches so that guests can take in all the surrounding sights . . . Another reminder from a reader: Jug-End Barn, in South Egremont, Massachusetts, has what it terms delightfully 'unorthodox'

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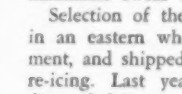

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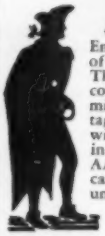

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◄ *Foggy summer morning on the branch of the Passumpsic River near St. Johnsbury, Vermont.*

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all birches near Lost Nation, New Hampshire. ►

TYPOS for FUN

by HORACE MITCHELL

IF YE DOAN'T DO NOTHIN' ye never make a mistake, is often heard in New England. But it is very winterish comfort to a printer. What other trades and professions do about their errors is not pertinent here, and is their own business. What a printer does is just plain suffer and probably lose money by doing the job over. His mistakes are blazoned to the world. And some jobs cannot be re-done.

Like the item in the columns of our Weekly, *The Kittery Press,* about the Kittery Extension Group's meeting to make bread. "Each member is requested to bring a bread pan and a towel, so the loaf may be taken home for baking." The matrices of the Model K Linotype were sticking and when I got around to it I was going to clean them.

My wife, as usual, read the proofs that evening. One of us later set the corrections, put them in, and on the old cylinder press they went. The copies were delivered to stands and boys and girls and the post office. We sat back in the awful let down that comes hebdomatically. The phone rang. A partially hysterical voice asked if we'd read the Extension piece. We said we had. "Read that sentence about"—pause for hilarity—"bread pans! Ho, ho, ho!"

The "r" and the "a" had not come down—and neither of us noticed it. There were thirteen phone calls about it and the club had ten more members turn out for that meeting than ever before.

Printers and publishers are haunted by things like that. Their intricate processes of combining the intellectual and the mechanical combine variables and chances for error all the way.

On one job of wedding invitations we thought we'd play extra safe and have the prospective bride's mother check the first impression off the press. She okayed it. The day of mailing them she was in-

formed that the location of the ceremony had been omitted.

In at least one instance the name of a famous organization preserving Yankee traditions has been given as The New England Society for the Prevention of Antiquities.

After things like this we began to wonder what would happen if we intentionally added a line or transposed a word or letter. This idea added morale to the shop. Jobs stopped being just jobs. They became experiments with human nature.

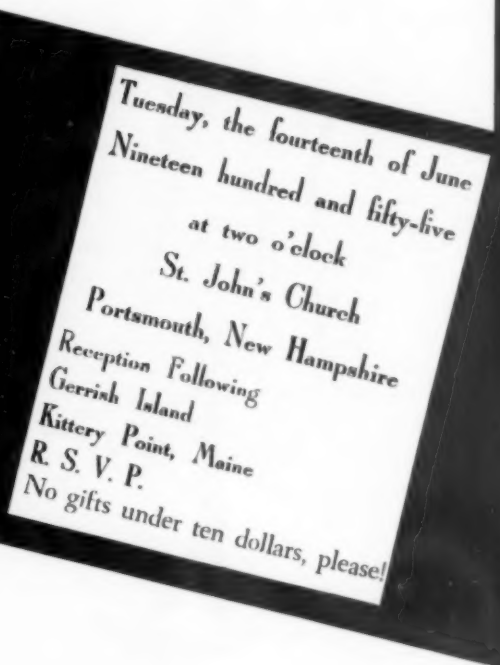
An extremely dignified, but friendly, lady added zest to the shop for weeks by her expression when she saw the top sheet of 550 wedding invitations. We asked her to check them to be sure they were perfect. Her eye bored down the page line by line. At the last one her eyes actually bugged out and snapped back again. She wiped her glasses and had another try. And then she shook with laughter—she checked the second sheet and sighed with relief.

The last line was "No gifts under ten dollars, please!" It had taken only seconds to set on the Model K and run off two. The bride had her copy framed and hung in her new home.

The expected and logical conclusion for anything like this is to have the shop put down as a bunch of dee fools and a place to stay away from.

But it doesn't work out that way. The aforesaid prospective mother-in-law has recommended us widely and our business in "weddings" has increased heavily thereby.

A certain very sedate organization has as treasurer the sort of man with whom you'd leave your life's savings without receipt in full confidence you'd get it back on demand. He has probably not let go in a full laugh for thirty to forty years, if ever. We did the programs for the group (*Continued on page 90*)



the TRUTH about the DOWSERS

by Evon Z. Vogt

The author is Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University

In 1950 I was living with my wife and three small children in a rented farm house in a remote farming community in New Mexico where I had gone to study how it was possible for bean and corn farmers to make a living in that arid land where it only rains twelve inches a year. After we had lived in the community for several weeks, I began to hear neighbors talk about "water witching" and I discovered that the "water witch" in town was none other than the friendly old farmer who delivered milk in quart jars at our doorstep three times a week. I had heard about "dowsing" in New England, but I had never

The ancient Use of the Divining or Dowsing Rod. A. Virgula, or little rod. B. Fossa, a trench. "Virgula divina" is a Latin idiom, meaning, "When things succeed without our care, and fall as it were into our laps from heaven."—CICERO.

seen the dowsing rod in operation. I engaged the old farmer in conversation about water witching, and he talked about his experiences at great length. He also offered to give me a demonstration of the technique, and I eagerly accepted. We drove to his farm house where he cut a forked twig from his wife's lone peach tree. He grasped the two branches of the twig, one in each hand (with palms of the hands up), and with the neck (or bottom of the Y) pointing skyward, and set off briskly across his yard. About halfway to the barn, the stick rotated forcibly toward the ground, and he announced with a confident smile that he was over a "water vein." This was my initiation to the mysteries of water dowsing, and I have been curious about it ever since!

After I returned to Harvard, I went to the college library and discovered after some weeks of research that there has been a staggering number of books, magazine articles, and newspaper columns published on the subject over the past 400 years—in fact, more than 1000 publications. I also discovered that the subject is as controversial as politics or religion. By and large, scientists have always been skeptical that water dowsing works to find water, but despite their objections and despite the advances made in the technology of farming in recent years, the practice seemed to be as flourishing as ever.

In 1955 I met a psychologist on the Harvard staff, Dr. Ray Hyman, who shared my interest and curiosity. He had been a professional magician before he became a psychologist, and he was amazingly well-informed not only about water dowsing, but also about fortune-telling, mind-reading, table turning, Ouiji boards, and other unorthodox practices. Water dowsing soon became a mutual hobby

of ours, and we set out to discover what we could about the practice in rural America at the present time. We asked ourselves these questions: Where did water dowsing originate and what has been its history? How many dowsers are there in the United States, what techniques do they use, and what beliefs do they hold about dowsing? Does the technique work to find water? If not, why does the rod turn down, and why do people continue to believe in it?

To try to answer these questions, we read all the literature on the subject we could lay our hands on. We interviewed students from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and we carried on extensive correspondence with people abroad. We kept a file of newspaper clippings and magazine articles. We interviewed dowsers and observed them in action in New England, in New Jersey, in Nebraska, and in New Mexico. We sent out 500 questionnaires to a sample of county agricultural extension agents across the nation. About 400 of these questionnaires were returned to us with good information—indicating that the county agents were also interested in the subject. And in 1959 we finally published our results in a book called *Water Witching U. S. A.* (University of Chicago Press) and dedicated it to the county agricultural agents of the U. S. who responded so generously with their time and information.

History. As far as we can tell, divining with a forked twig began in Germany in the 15th century where it was used to find ore. In 1556, Georgius Agricola, published his great work, *De Re Metallica* in which he describes the divining rod in virtually the same way it is used today. Later in the same century the rod began to be used for water, and by the

end of the 17th century the rod was found all over Europe. With European expansion the use of the dowsing rod was carried by European settlers to North and South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. We have been unable to find out exactly when the forked twig was introduced into the United States, but it presumably came in the 17th century with the settlers from England and Germany. Other groups, such as the French and Italians, may also have brought the practice with them, for we now find it among all the immigrant groups who settled in rural areas, as well as among Negroes who presumably borrowed the technique from the white set-

tlers in the Old South. After 1775 we begin to find mentions in newspaper columns of the practice in connection with witches and witchcraft. And it is this association with witchcraft that may account for the American term "water witching." In other English speaking countries, the practice is called "dowsing," or "divining," but never "witching." (The other theory about the origin of the water witching term comes from the fact that early American settlers preferred witch-hazel for their rods.)

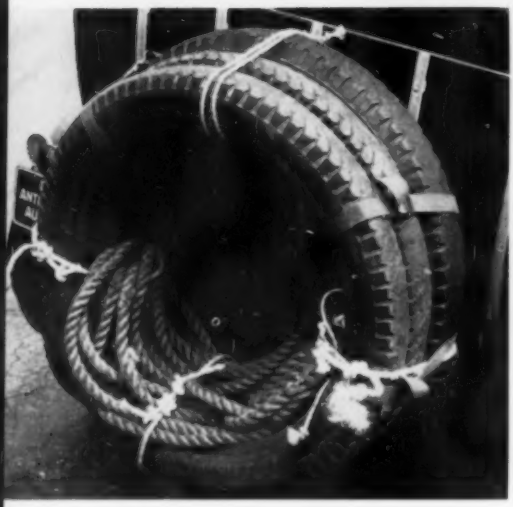
From the time of its first appearance, the divining rod has been controversial. Agricola wrote in 1556 that "there are many great contentions between miners concerning the forked twig, for some say that it is of great use in discovering veins, and others deny it." The practice even became a subject of ecclesiastical controversy when Martin Luther proclaimed in 1518 that the use of the rod violated the First Commandment. In 1659 a Jesuit Father denounced the rod as an instrument controlled by the devil.

The practice continues to be popular in its birthplace in Europe where the dowsers have organized societies (for example, "The British Society of Dowsers"), hold learned meetings, and publish journals. In America there are no such organizations.

Dowsing in the United States. When we compiled the information from our questionnaires, we discovered that there are approximately 25,000 diviners plying their trade in the United States today. They are found in all states in the union. They are rarely full-time dowsers, but are farmers or other rural people who practice dowsing as a part-time occupation or hobby. We often hear comments to the effect that the diviner is a "fraud" or a "swindler" and that he is out to take money from the "suckers." We have found no justification for such a belief. In every case known to us, the diviner is an honest man of recognized integrity. He usually practices his art out of sincere desire to help his neighbor, and if he charges a fee at all, it is usually only a token fee. There are a few women dowsers, and occasionally a child takes up the practice, but most dowsers are men between (*Continued on page 102*)

Veteran Auto car drivers band together for . . . . FUN

The Glidden tour each fall brings out members of all three major old car clubs. This year's will be in the mid-West — last year it was to the White Mountains.



on the ROAD

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Fall can be pretty cold in the White Mountains as these drivers well know.

Either lady or car doesn't believe in signs—at the Bretton Woods House.

When the going gets a little wet the brass gets raincoats as well as the drivers.

Checkup time.

This little car stayed home.

(Top) Veteran Auto drivers excel in puzzles especially when it comes to side curtains. (Middle) Those steep grades in the mountains make for a steep thirst. It would never do to take one of these old cars across a desert. (Below) "Who was that said, 'Get a horse?'" Not us.

The Veteran Motor cars are becoming quite a common sight along New England high-ways and by-ways. With some it has become a profitable and healthy hobby — especially among those who have the know-how. But after a long day in and under the car (top) it must have felt good to bed down at the motel.

the DRUNKARD and the GLUTTON

by JEAN MITCHELL BOYD

THE ROOM WAS AS GRAY AS A church mouse. The gray walls melted into a gray carpet, which had lines like dark gray lightning on it. There were gray wooden shutters instead of curtains. It was fitting that it should be the color of a church mouse, because it was our Sunday School room, and probably little mice from the church leaped over the gray lightning when they felt frisky.

We sat on gray settees that had no cushions. They were as uncomfortable but not as prickly as the hair cloth sofas which people's grandmothers had in their best parlors. It was a shock fifty years after our Sunday School days were over to see the settees painted white, with fat blue cushions on them.

There was a Sunday when a horrid child named Maudie passed the Penny Box. Maudie had yellow curls, a black velvet coat with an Irish lace collar, and a black velvet hat lined with pink. To those of us who wore navy blue reefers and sailor hats, with our hair in braids, she was simply loathesome. She said that every Sunday her father gave her five pennies to put in the Penny Box. The usual price of Sunday School was two pennies. We had the unholy belief that Maudie never dropped in but two pennies, because every Monday morning she came to school with a little striped candy bag from Mr. Tillinghast's store. Always in the bag were two red gum drops (two for a penny), five "lickrish" balls (five for a penny), and a pink marshmallow sausage which was one penny. Three pennies for candy and two for Sunday School. It didn't do any good to walk to school with her because she never gave anyone even a "lickrish" ball.

As she passed the Penny Box, we sang sadly—

"Hear the pennies dropping
Listen while they fall,
Every one for Jesus,
He will get them all."

Maudie finished passing the box and gave it to our Teacher. We all shut our eyes while the Teacher muttered to the pennies. Then she put the box on the piano, ready for a Hand to reach down from Heaven and "get them all."

The Teacher turned the pages of a large chartlike object that stood on a table. There was a picture for every Sunday and the Teacher knew a story for every picture. We craned our necks to see what the picture would be. The Sunday before it had been quite interesting. It had appeared to be Santa Claus in a long night shirt and large red shawl standing on a stone wall and watching the fireworks from a baseball park. It wasn't Santa Claus but Moses. We had met him before when he was a baby in a clothes basket among the bull frogs. His sister Miriam watched to see him drown. Poor Miriam never knew that in some far century she would have the honor of being the first recorded baby sitter.

The new picture was not at all thrilling. It was a goblet of purple lemonade. (You just put grape juice in common lemonade and it turns purple.) Around the stem of the goblet was tied a bright

green snake with a red tongue. There was a border around the picture of purple grapes to match the lemonade, and green leaves to match the snake. At the foot of the page in big black letters was the Golden Text:—For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty—Proverbs, 23:21.

Every year we had a Temperance Lesson, which nobody liked. We were told how black alcohol makes people's immortal souls and their other insides, too. I didn't listen to the Teacher. I thought about drunkards. I had seen them coming out of Harry Hawkesworth's saloon. They had a pleasant way of swaying through the air instead of merely walking. Sometimes they sang. Once a drunkard walked through our street singing the chorus of an old song called, "Kissing on the Sly."

"His manly whiskers brushed her cheek.
She uttered no reply,
How could she ope her lips to speak
While kissing on the sly?"

And the way the man sang the last line sounded like the tenor in our church quartette. He seemed happy and it was too bad he would come to poverty. However, the "Five Little Peppers" were poor, but happy, so maybe drunkards are.

"And now," said the Teacher, "let us say the Golden Text all together. Let me hear every dear little voice."

So in our best Sunday School style we droned;

"For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to povertee."

We sang,

"Our Sunday School is over,
And we are going home,
Goodbye, Goodbye,
Be always kind and true."

Some of us always remembered the Sunday that a little boy with Fauntleroy curls sang, as we were going down the steps—

"Goodbye, Goodbye,
I'll knock you on the dome."

He would, of course, get his come-uppance.

Settee by settee we were dismissed. We stopped at a table and a large lady with two black ostrich feathers and a yellow rose on her hat gave us a book to take home for a week. She was the lie-bury'em.

I walked home with Helen who lived next door in a house with a dumb waiter. She had a cook named Nora who made wonderful jumbles and was generous with them. Our Kate was generous with warm fresh bread 'n butter 'n sugar, and there is nothing nicer.

Helen's book was called "What Katy Did Next." There were quite a few books about Katy. We liked her better than Elsie Dinsmore, because she was not as pious.

My book was "Millie or the Hidden Cross." Millie had golden curls and fell sick-a-bed in Chapter 7 and it took her to the end of Chapter 10 to get herself dead. She finally died at sunset with a robin singing in a rosebush outside the window. And the roses were not whiter than her (*Continued on page 76*)

Women volunteers contribute their time to the South County Hospital Stamp Project.

Stamps Save Lives

by NORRIS RANDOLPH

AT A SMALL, RURAL HOSPITAL IN Wakefield, Rhode Island, postage stamps are saving lives.

These colored bits of paper are playing a role unique in the annals of medicine at South County Hospital serving 10,000 people from fifteen villages and towns in a southern part of the state.

Here, a remarkable organization of men and women devoted to community betterment is collecting cancelled stamps in unprecedented numbers through a fund raising campaign unparalleled in conception and international scope.

Known as the South County Hospital Stamp Project, it has amassed and sold 12,000,000 stamps from over 4,000 contributors world-wide during the past five years. Or enough postage, if laid end to end, to stretch from Providence to New York, a distance of 183 miles.

Their sale has netted the sixty-seven-bed institution approximately $9,000. By 1962, the program may realize a profit as high as $5,000 annually.

On March 13, 1958, Mrs. Barbara J. Sampson, of 16 River Street, Wakefield, was rushed to South County Hospital. She was pregnant and to complicate matters, was suffering from high blood pressure. Two weeks later she gave birth to a prematurely born daughter. Her first child, it weighed in at 4 pounds, 8 ounces. The "preemy" was instantly placed in an incubator. For the next several days, doctors and nurses despaired of her chances for survival. Finally, she pulled through.

Today, Karen Marie Sampson is a

normal, healthy child who in all likelihood will grow to womanhood and enjoy a happy, useful life.

Credit for what justifiably can be called a miracle belongs largely to the life-giving incubator. This piece of equipment swung the balance in Karen Marie's favor during those early, critical hours. Without it, the outcome might have been fatal.

That this story had a happy ending is an immutable part of the legend of Frederick R. Hazard and his humanitarian vision. For without Mr. Hazard there would be no South County Stamp Project and no incubator.

In 1949 Mr. Hazard, a retired poultryman, ex-World War II Army officer and former stamp dealer, was incapacitated by a bad attack of the flu. A trustee of South County Hospital for many years, he had searched in vain for a means of increasing the hospital's income over and above the annual fund drive. But he didn't want to ask for money.

While lying in bed, he happened to hit upon what seemed like the perfect scheme. He (*Continued on page 116*)

Celia Thaxter's
First Poem
and the . . .

Isles of Shoals

by ROSAMOND THAXTER

THIS NEW ENGLAND
#41

SITTING ON THE CLIFF OF A SMALL wind swept island off the coast of New Hampshire a little girl of eight or ten years gazed at the glory of the rising sun. She watched the first streaks of soft pink turn to gold, the light grow brighter and brighter changing all the clouds into a glorious golden ceiling above her head. The brightness began to fade as far to the East, the first spot of red peeped out of the vast expanse of blue water, turning it to green as the light changed. Suddenly, there it was a complete crimson ball poised between the ocean and sky. She drank in the wonder and the beauty encircling her, and the peace of the Universe, as the light in her father's lighthouse died out and a new day began for little Celia Laighton.

Always those memories remained and were impressed indelibly upon her. As the years went on she shared them with the reading public and with the unusually interesting group of distinguished friends who gathered at Appledore Island on the Isles of Shoals, in the hotel which her father, Thomas Laighton, built and managed, first of its kind in New England.

Celia was married at seventeen and with her husband Levi Lincoln Thaxter went to live in Newtonville, Massachusetts. There he, his friends and their three small sons kept her very busy, but her fondest thoughts were all of her early island home and she loved to return whenever possible to visit her parents still living on the Isles of Shoals.

Celia Thaxter had been married for nine years, when after the hot summer was passed mostly in Newtonville, away from the sweet sea scents and the vast expanse of ocean, she found herself constantly picturing the old view from the cliff on White Island and sniffing the air for its tang of salt. She looked at the Charles River flowing past her window, and desperately wished to follow it to the

The Kiboko *leaves for the Isles of Shoals every morning at eleven o'clock from Portsmouth's coal station at the bend in the river in the back yard of the famous Moffat Ladd House.*

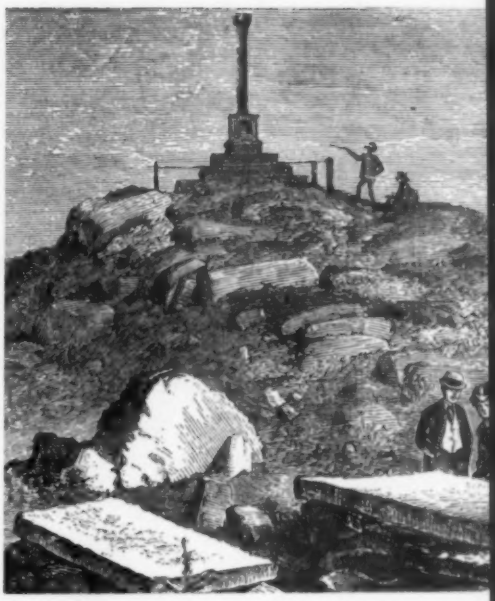
Aerial view of Star Island, the largest of the Isles. Smutty Nose—upper right.

The Gosport Meeting House on Star Island.

little group of islands where she had left part of her heart behind. Her urge for self-expression and her lonely homesickness wove themselves into verse, as she watched the river on its way to the sea, where she too wished to go. Even the beautiful view of hills and blossoming flowers could not quite fill her longing and her dreams. Out of the fullness of her heart she wrote some verses which she sent her brother. She then waited to hear what her family thought of the lines. Brother Cedric wrote enthusiastically—"all of us at the Island are delighted with your little poem, which I intend to keep as long as I live." Heartened by his letter, at last one evening, seated by the fire in their cosy sitting-room, Celia shyly handed a sheet of paper to her husband. He was used to reading poems by those whose works were well known and praised by the public, and would probably think little of her attempt. But to her surprise Levi, once she had gotten his attention, read the poem carefully and pronounced it

good. Instead of returning the yellow paper he folded it and placed it in his pocket. Celia was of course pleased that her "Lord and master" cared enough to want to keep the verses and quietly continued with her mending.

In those days her husband often entertained his college classmates and literary friends at their Newtonville home. The young woman whom Hawthorne had found "to have the manners of a lady," now, more than ever, had a brain eager to keep up with all that was being talked of and written in the current publications. One of these which she always read and enjoyed was the *Atlantic Monthly*, a new magazine, published by Ticknor and Fields. One cold February morning in 1860 the March copy of the *Atlantic* arrived at Celia's door. She seized it eagerly as usual, and for a few moments abandoned the task of the hour to scan the pages. Before the evening was upon her, the head of the family would demand first reading of the delightful periodical. Her love of poetry and lack



Capt. John Smith's Monument, Star Island.

The hotel at Star Island is the scene of frequent Unitarian religious conferences.

of time, made her turn past "The German Universities" and "The Professor's Story" and "Gymnastics" to page 302 and an unsigned poem entitled "Landlocked." She rubbed her eyes, could she be seeing correctly?

"LANDLOCKED"*

Black lie the hills, swiftly doth daylight flee,
And catching gleams of sunset's dying smile,
Through the dusk land for many a changing mile
The river runneth softly to the sea.

There it was, her little poem full of her longing for the sea, in print in the Atlantic Monthly, famous for its Reviews and Literary Notes. Her good Levi had not forgotten. He had shown the verses to his old friend and Harvard Classmate, James Russell Lowell, first editor of the Magazine. He had been quick to recognize the merit of the work. Without a word to the author, he gave it the name "Landlocked," and printed it, exactly as it had been given to him, but with no signature!

Urged on by her husband and Mr. Lowell, Celia at once began to write more poems, almost all biographical, about the sea and her early memories connected with it.

Next season her husband remained at home with the younger boys, while she visited the Island in the early summer with her son Karl. This visit gave her the subject for her next poem "Off Shore." In it recalled the moonlight nights of her husband's courtship. The little boat rocked beneath them, and the "moon sent silver sparkles down." "Sweet sounds on rocky shores the distant rote," she wrote; this line brought a question from editor James T. Fields to whom she sent the poem. Her letter insisting on the use of the word "rote" is interesting to those not familiar with the sound of the sea.

"Did you really mean to mark out the "r" in "rote" and substitute N? making the word *note?* Then I think you are not familiar with the word *rote*. It means the sound of the sea on the rocks, it is very sweet and suggestive, that word. I cannot possibly spare that. It is all right, you will find it in Worcester's Dictionary. I find many people are unfamiliar with it, but it is much used at sea. The islanders at the Shoals can tell their whereabouts in the densest fog or the darkest night by the rote of the different islands and the mainland, so nicely educated is their sense of hearing. No matter how dark it is, they can judge with curious accuracy the distance between them and the sound, whether the breaking waves are gentle or furious, whether they break on the long sand beaches of the shore, or the ragged rocks of the islands. And each island, each small isolated rock has its own peculiar rote, different from the rest. Woe to the boatman who hears on a wild night, close at hand, the rote of the long ledges of Duck Island, the long sunken ledges. That is a terrible sound. But the sound is inexpressibly delicious in a calm, so remote, you know, (or rather you *don't* know, but I hope I shall make you hear it sometime) so sweet, like a murmur in a dream. *Sweet sounds on rocky shores the distant rote.* Please let it remain 'rote,' if anybody should chance to read it, and reading, understand it not, here is the Dictionary with a full and pleasant explanation of its meaning."

Celia Thaxter continued to write many more poems full of pictures of the things of nature. These she knew so well. But always she will be best known and loved for her poem "The Sandpiper." This was printed in every Fourth Grade Reader from coast to coast. Older men and women still repeat it when they hear the name of Celia Thaxter.

"THE SANDPIPER"*

Across the narrow beach we flit,
One little sandpiper and I
And fast I gather, bit by bit,
The scattered driftwood bleached and dry.
The wild waves reach their hands for it,
The wild wind raves, the tide runs high,
As up and down the beach we flit,—
One little sandpiper and I.

*Editor's Note: Only the first stanzas of "Landlocked" and "The Sandpiper" are printed here.

Much sand has fallen through the hour glass since Celia Thaxter posed with her two sons in 1856.

*102 years later the dedication of the new Celia Thaxter Memorial is held. The author is third from left.**

*From left to right; Dick Soule, Rosamond Thaxter with Nicholas Hubbard, Rev. Lyman Rutledge, Mrs. Otis Nash and Prof. Robert S. Ellingworth.

Maine's Oldest Wire Bridge

by ALICE C. CURRIER

A SMALL GRAVEL ROAD TURNING off route 146 in the town of New Portland, Maine, bears, at times, a little sign proclaiming "Wire Bridge." On a hot summer's day it is possible to travel along this peaceful country road and arrive at the southern approach to one of the oldest bridges in Maine.

At the weight of a car or even that of a single human being the floor of the bridge, which is of wood, ripples in wave after wave to the other side as though waltzing in ecstacy over its strength and power to perform the duty for which it was built.

The history of this bridge is a fascinating one. Not the least of its interests lies in the monumental task of moving the huge cables from Sheffield, England, to New Portland. This is the first suspension bridge of its kind to be built in Maine. Prior to its completion in 1842 folks forded the river at this point.

Hanging thirty feet above the Carrabassett River, except in high water, about 185 feet long, the main structure is supported by steel cable, each cable made up of 365 strands of wire, each strand tested a 1000 pounds. This story began in 1838 when it was said at town meeting that year that a bridge was needed over Seven Mile Brook, now the Carrabassett River. In 1840 New Portland citizens appropriated the sum of $2,000 for a wire bridge. It was agreed the Col. F. B. Morse, an Army engineer of much experience, would direct the construction. Work began in 1840 and promptly became known as Colonel Morse's "Fool Bridge." Dire predictions were made as to whether the structure could ever be hung and, if it was, whether it could safely carry the horse-drawn traffic.

In the winter of 1841 the cables arrived at Bath, being taken by schooner to Hallowell the following spring. Seven days it took for the sixteen yoke of oxen to haul the cables and fittings to the bridge site. On June 20, 1842, Colonel Morse's "Fool Bridge" was ready for traffic. The Colonel had estimated the job would cost $2,000. When all the bills were paid the figure was $2,200.

In a town meeting of recent years a discussion was held to consider the building of a new modern bridge doing away entirely with the present one. This year finds New Portlanders racking their brains to find a means of permanently preserving this structure which has so faithfully served the people of this community for over one hundred years. It continues to grow as a tourist attraction. Although the load limit has gradually been reduced until traffic is limited to one passenger car at a time, visitors still come from far places and ask for "the bridge." Former residents of New Portland, vacationers and "just folks passing through" return again and again bringing with them children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and friends to see the Wire Bridge.

Mr. Brooks and campers examine the tree. Camper at right holds unfruitful burrs.

MEDOMACK CHESTNUT

by ARTHUR H. GRAVES

WHEN THE INEVITABLE LECTURE about bees, flowers, birds and things is delivered to the inquiring child, the flowers are, of course, stressed as the necessary initial amount to launch new life. In spite of the fact that we have been scientifically developing a new blight resistant chestnut tree in Connecticut that is characteristic of the now almost extinct native of the same breed—a process that has been long, difficult but rewarding—I recently reverted to the lesson of my childhood lecture, found that the beautiful simplicity of Nature's law of two is the only answer to the problem of one magnificent specimen of chestnut tree located in Medomak Camp, Washington, Maine.

It was in September, 1957, that I received a letter from William J. Brooks, a counselor at the Medomak Camp, telling me of a wonderful big chestnut tree at the camp. He said the tree never bore any nuts and he wondered if I might come up to see what could be done about it. I wrote Mr. Brooks immediately and told him how glad I was to learn of this survivor of a now rare breed and said I thought the only solution to its sterility problem was to give it a blight-resistant hybrid companion.

So in July of last year my wife and I started out from Wallingford, Connecticut, for the Medomak Camp accompanied by nine attractive, young chestnut trees—three three-year-old Chinese chestnuts and six two-and-a-half-month old American. When we arrived at the camp after the long, hot journey we found many of the counselors and campers ready and eager to guide us to where the great old tree stood. It was fifty feet or more in height with erect, sturdy bole and one and a third feet in diameter, breast high. I learned that an uncle of Frank Poland, Director of the camp, had bought a bag of chestnuts back in 1907, planted some of them and that this was the only one that ever came up. An examination of the leaves showed that the tree is probably a hybrid or cross-breed of the American and Japanese Chestnut which would explain its superior height and form—all manifestations of "hybrid vigor." As far as I know there is no large American chestnut tree now growing in Maine. This hybrid is the nearest thing to it.

We planted our Chinese and American seedlings not far from the big tree and all are now doing well although it will take several years before the newcomers will bear flowers. Those of you familiar with genetics know that there is a chance (one in four) that a self-pollinized nut from our hybrid will produce the true American species. At any rate we trust that Nature will carry on in her traditional manner and enable the Medomack chestnut to "bring forth his fruit in his season" for centuries to come.

High Road To Happiness

by EVERARD BLYDEN

BORN ON A VERMONT FARM I DERIVE my greatest pleasure there. And some day, when I get up gumption enough, I'll go back there to stay. The nectar of the Vermont air and motherliness of the Green Mountains are a part of me, I guess.

I was beginning my fifth two-week vacation, cruising beyond the city with one small bag containing all the clothes I would need, the skyscrapers behind me. I would help my father for a few days, then roam the woods and mountains, following the footpath in the wilderness—the "Long Trail."

On route seven, before reaching Rutland, I turned off to the foot of Timorook Mountain and this farm where I was born, where my folks still lived.

Next morning I was up at daybreak with my parents, and following this routine for five days helped Dad on the farm. The sixth day after breakfast, I donned overalls, an old coat, heavy shoes over heavy socks, bid goodbye to the folks, crossed the concrete highway and headed up the mountain where the Long Trail beckoned.

When I crossed the highway, I left behind the habitations of men, and the Long Trail led to the top of the mountain. A cool fresh breeze blew from the west, and the sun was hot; but different from the heat of the city. No sultryness here. One didn't mind the sun's heat; the air was dry, crisp. Here you hear the songs of birds, enjoy the sight of wild flowers, and trees were everywhere; the soft rustle of the wind was like Mother Nature whispering her eternal secrets. Here you gradually lose the sense of hurry, the pressure of time. Once again I was blissfully walking Vermont's famous Trail, alone.

Soon I passed the first shelter in the beautiful grove of balsam and spruce trees, crossed the tumbling, whispering brook and headed for Clement Shelter and Killington Peak.

Atop this mountain I was rewarded with a beautiful view: the range seeming to tumble in a never-ending cascade of peaks, poking their noses into spare clouds and gradually disappearing in a purplish haze. Descending again into the valley, the birds kept me company with

their chirpings and songs. Who can listen to the song of a bird and not reach for the better, more lofty things? Who, in passing through this veritable Garden of Eden, cannot say he is a better man when he comes out? Who can commune with such nature and not believe there must be a great Creator who made all things beautiful, until man came along and spoiled it.

The Governor Clement Shelter was bathed in warm evening sunshine when I emerged from the deep woods into the open clearing. It was a welcome sight, long anticipated and rightfully won by hours of hiking, and I was tired. This is arduous work, and it had been a year since I had such strenuous exercise. A clear brook nearby afforded cool water for bathing and cooking, and the fireplace in front of the cabin was the cook stove for supper. The bed in the cabin I made extra soft by the addition of fresh balsam twigs. Here at twilight is the perfect time to sit and relax in pure enjoyment of all that unexploited nature has to offer. The westerly sky was a symphony of color, and the woods beyond the clearing and the hills farther away merged into one great spectacle as the evening shadows lengthened. Such visions are not only a feast for eyes; but the ears, too, catch the evening songs of birds, and it's like a lullaby sung by nature.

The following day dawned clear and beautiful, and after a leisurely breakfast I headed northward and upward. It was windy but perfect for hiking. Here one had the rare opportunity of thinking without having his thoughts disturbed. This was escape from the pressure of the work-a-day world, people, the job, escape into partaking of those things nature provides in such abundance, with luxurious beauty, enjoyment of that superior feeling of almost complete independence—that God is on his throne and, after all, everything is right with the world; only man keeps it from being perfect.

I was treading the top of the world, not to be waited on, nor having to wait on anybody; carrying on my back all that was necessary for my needs. Chopping the wood that cooks the simple meals, cutting branches that provide the bed for the night. To some this would appear

downright crazy, to others it is part of a grand ecstasy—a way of life.

Here I found the mere but complete separation from fretting and exacting multitudes, which gives me what I need for contacting these same multitudes in the weeks and months to come—the fortitude and complete relaxation that will enable me to compete with irate minds, fretful looks, stinging words and abominable individuals. Here is the overture of the secret symphony of life. Once this pure air has washed the lungs clean, and the eyes have been rinsed with the clear cold water of the mountain streams, real relaxation and recreation can begin. Right here in Vermont where the mountains are not too high, but majestic, large enough to command respect. The same God rules on top of Killington that rules on Pike's Peak or Mount Everest. Here the mountains are large enough and lovely enough to give all the elation and exultation one can endure.

The Trail led higher and higher along the side of Killington Peak, and before I knew it I was at Cooper Lodge. What a magnificent location. I stopped in never-ending awe and drank it in. The hillside here is steep, and over the tops of spruces and balsams, the view is sweeping and grand. I stepped in the meadow below the cabin and found much color: deep orange hawkweed in profusion, patches of bunchberry flowers, and off on the far side more flowers and more color, and a multitude of butterflies.

During the afternoon I had heard thunder up and down the valley, but no rain on the mountains. By evening it was clear, the sky bright, and later stars winked kindly. Darkness came fast now. From far down in the valley a few scattered farm-house lights sent their welcome greeting, and an occasional hoot owl answered another. With a silent prayer of thanks it was time to turn in.

Looking over Manchester, Vermont, at the Long Trail from Equinox Mountain.

The night was quiet and warm with only the noise of a few porcupines disturbing my sleep. In the morning it clouded up quickly, great deep masses of rolling clouds overhead. Then of a sudden it was almost dark with a curtain of rain pulled over the landscape and everything disappeared, with only the tops of the trees at the edge of the clearing showing. For the next fifteen minutes I was right in the center of the storm with thunder roaring and booming on all sides.

Then as quickly as it came, the storm blew over. For a while everything was bathed in breath-taking beauty, with unusual blue-green light turning the color of the balsams and spruces. I felt that the symphony of color was displayed just for my benefit, for no one else seemed to be around to enjoy it. The rain had been withdrawn as by a magic hand, and now the sun peeked through with spots of gold kissing the rain swept mountain tops.

I packed and started down the Trail, knowing I would soon be wet from the hips down, but it would be a new world, freshly washed and hung full of countless sparkling diamonds. Birds were singing everywhere with renewed vigor and enthralled happiness. I was off for Pico Shelter and Long Trail Lodge.

Three days later I stood at a shelter after dark and looked south over the range with a three-quarter moon bathing the landscape in ethereal splendor—a literal fairyland as far as I could see. My soul at peace I felt I stood on the threshold of creation. In the stillness of the moonbathed and starlit night, I drank my fill, knowing it would be another year before I could again stand in the spots I loved. These Green Mountains, the wonderful nights, the birds, the soft breezes, the clear warm sun and crisp air would equip me for another year of toil in the almost inhuman and noisy city.

This 1824 map from the Gazetteer of Vermont *shows the Long Trail's course.*

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Water rail

which have been observed here in the nation's smallest state.

During the spring and fall migrations as many as 200 or 150 more of these may be in the state at one time. On certain days during September and October, Block Island probably has more different types of birds per acre than any other place in the United States. These facts combined with Rhode Island's variety of coastline and woodland, its many sanctuaries and wildlife refuges, and its location on the major migratory routes followed by almost all eastern species of birds make this state a place in which bird watching, or birding, is one of the

Sanderling

most pleasurable of pastimes.

Some idea of the unequaled abundance of birds on Block Island in the Fall of the year can be gleaned from the numbers recorded by the annual Block Island Campout of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. In 1958 during three days, October 10-12, more than 25,000 birds were seen on or from the Island. Among these were 2,000 Canada Geese, 2,500 cormorants, 10,000 juncos, and 10,000 myrtle warblers. A total of 130 different species was seen during the three days.

A number of other sanctuaries and reservations are scattered over the state. The George B. Parker Woodland in Coventry, owned by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, offers 350 acres of forestlands and streams, and contains a pure stand of chestnut oak trees. In Warwick the Audubon Society owns thirty acres of woodland. This is split by a tidal stream in which a migration of "buckeyes," or herring, occurs each spring. Many black-crowned night herons can be found here in the early summer and warblers are common during migration time. The Island of Conanicut, on which Jamestown is located, offers the Marsh Meadows Wildlife Preserve on North Road. Here, also, can be seen many of the common and some of the rarer shore birds which

Tern.

annually visit the state.

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island maintains a restored Victorian house as headquarters on 40 Bowen Street, Providence. The public is invited at any time to view collections there on display.

Rhode Island maintains in addition a number of other public woodlands and parks. These are all available and easily accessible to travelers whether or not they are interested in birds and wildlife. They are all plainly marked on maps available at no cost from the Road Map Office, Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Building, Hayes Street, Providence 8, Rhode Island.

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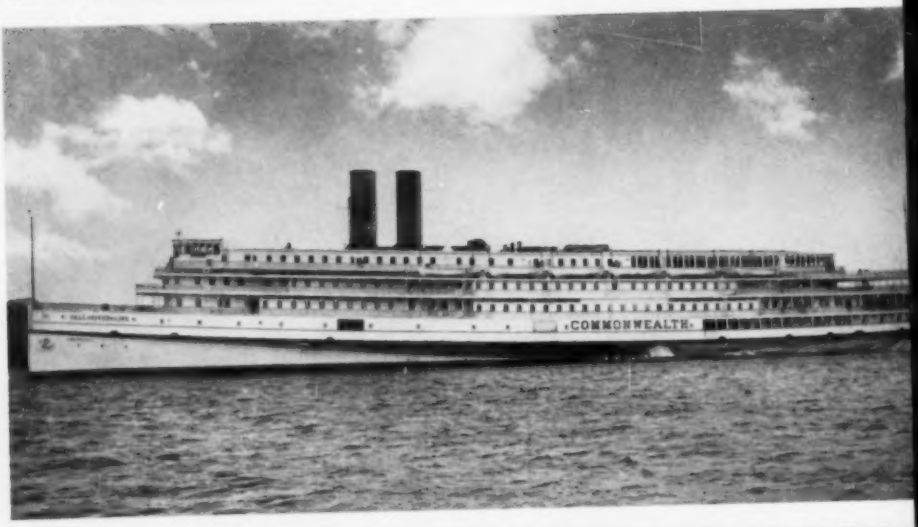
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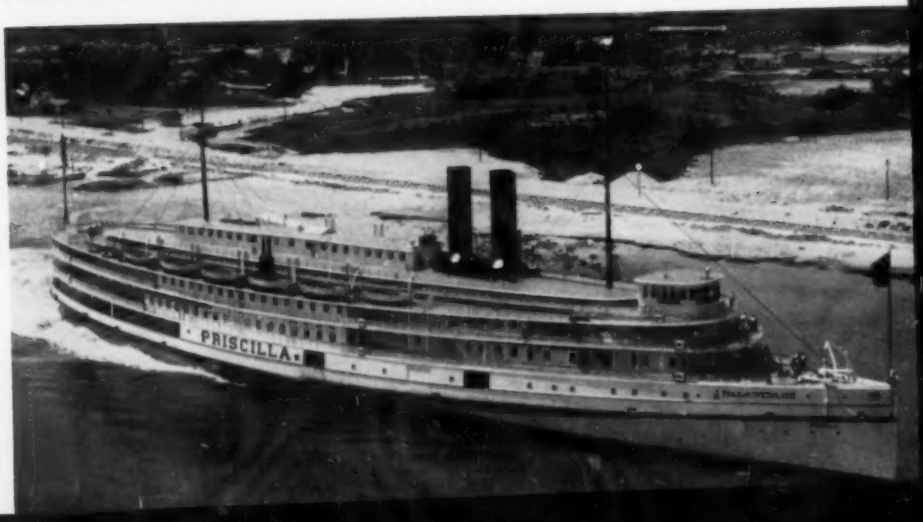
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Fall River Line

by THOMAS ANDREW SYNNOTT

NOT FAR FROM MY HOME, WHERE I've lived a good part of my life, you can see the wharves where the now legendary New York Boats of the Fall River Line used to tie up.

Today Fall River has little to remind it of the great days when the *Priscilla,* (left-bottom) the majestic *Commonwealth,* (left-middle) the *Providence,* (above) the *Plymouth,* (left-top) and all of the other beautiful boats rode under the flag of the Fall River Line during its long and colorful history.

Many things contributed to the decline and fall of the Fall River Line, not the least of which was the great depression. This had affected the company's position very seriously. People in Fall River, and many thousands throughout the world, were struck with astonished disbelief the day they heard that the line had called it quits.

Certainly the city is a less romantic place for (*Continued on page 124*)

Home-Coming

A Short Story with a Surprise Ending.

by FLOYD LAURENT

THIS TRIP TO NEW YORK WOULD interrupt the quiet routine I had become accustomed to and loved. Twenty years in the neon jungles of Miami and New York had made me appreciate my native Maine and I had returned at fifty, content to coast out the rest of my days in slow, unpretentious living. I detested the impersonal struggle of city life, the hustle, hustle, hustle to survive in the big town. And now, five years later, this difficult trip to New York had to be made and I didn't want to go. I comforted myself with the thought that I would be returning tomorrow or the day after.

The line of least resistance, I decided, would be by plane. It would take only two hours from Portland and leaving at noon, I should be inside the heart of the city before three. True, I always got airsick if the plane's wings even winked at an airpocket and that is the reason I went to the airport candy counter to get a roll of candy mints—they would help calm my queasy and rebellious stomach. As I turned from the counter, paying attention to nothing in particular, I nearly bowled over a prim little man who stood right behind me.

"Oh," I said, astonished and confused. *"Pardon me."*

"Nothing, really," the little man said. He pulled himself together, as if nothing had happened, and went toward the candy counter. Dejected, I went outside to wait for the plane.

The bright Autumn day seemed to know how I felt and went all out to cheer me. Puffy cumulus clouds floated across the cobalt sky and a heady breeze shadowboxed with the wind direction indicator atop the airport hangar. People were dressed in casual tweeds. They stood about chatting amiably, happy with the world. What a pity, I told myself, such a trip had to be made on a day like this.

The southbound plane landed and within minutes we were aboard, ready for the takeoff. It wasn't until I'd fastened my seat belt and settled down to relax that I noticed the little man I had unwittingly bumped into by the candy counter. He sat

right beside me. I smiled and offered him an I-didn't-mean-to-do-it look. He smiled back, ever so easy, and his tolerant gaze told me he was a kind person. I suspected he was in his early fifties and his quiet, assured demeanor put me at ease. I was glad he had drawn the adjoining seat. The plane thumped down the strip and headed into the wind. We were aloft in a matter of seconds.

"You going to New York?" the little man asked tentatively.

"Yes," I said. "Just a hurried trip. I hope to be back tomorrow."

"Oh," he said. "You live in Maine, then."

"Yes," I said. "I was born here. It's home."

The little man told me then how the impassive beauty of the hills impressed him, that he always enjoyed an escape from the city. We expressed a mutual fondness for country living and agreed one has to *discover* life in the country, rather than having it pointed out by another. He said he had just visited his son who was attending Bowdoin, the boy was doing fine and hoped to become a doctor. What a happy contrast, I told myself, this man is from the usual run of people one has to endure on trains, planes, buses, and ocean liners. He held my interest and, almost without our realizing it, the plane made brief stops at cities I don't even remember. We must have been about thirty minutes out of La Guardia when a pained mask fell over the little man's face and he said: "Did you hear about Denise Lowry? She committed suicide last night. She was in her apartment at the Astor."

"Yes," I said. "I know."

"Tragic thing," the little man said. "You see, I knew Denise and loved her like a daughter."

"Oh," I said.

"Yes," he went on reverently, "such a sweet and lovely girl, so kind and gentle. Yes . . . Denise came to my office in the General Motors Building when she was getting started. It seems like only yesterday. Time *does* slip away, doesn't it? This was four years ago. A friend of mine had seen her in summer stock at the Ogunquit Playhouse and advised her to come to me for help. Quite simply, she told me her story and wondered if I could give her that boost every young actress needs and looks for. Yes . . . I can see her now. Her expressive face radiated charm and she had such a genuine quality. The thought occurred to me *then* that she might not be emotionally strong enough for the give and take of the theatre. But somehow . . . something told me she had a God-given talent for the stage and I introduced her to Nat Ellsworth, a director friend of mine. Nat gave Denise the lead in 'White Lilacs.' And of course you know the rest. It's history . . . ."

The little man searched my face, apparently wondering if I were absorbing his story. I was.

"What do you think made her do it?" I said.

"The newscasts say," the little man continued, "she didn't leave a note or message of any kind. No one will ever know, really. Perhaps it's best that way. But I feel in my heart her affair with Elroy Walters discouraged her enough to want to die. It's the bitterest irony when an adorable creature like Denise falls hopelessly in love with a married man with a family—someone she could never have. Elroy loved Denise. I know he did. As much as he could love anybody. But his work is his life and he sees people only as detached images to be molded into one of his plays. As a playwright, he's magnificent. As a human being, he doesn't qualify. Yes . . . Denise loved him too much. Just last week, she came to my office and we talked about the years gone by. Her success. Her popularity. And finally, her unfortunate love for Elroy Walters. She asked me what she could do about it and I said: 'Denise, dear, affairs of the heart are beyond my control. You will have to work this thing out by yourself.' Had I suspected then this awful thing would happen. Tragic, really . . . really tragic. You know, when we hear about these things happening to someone else, we feel depressed. But when it's someone dear to us, it becomes unreal and (*Continued next page*)

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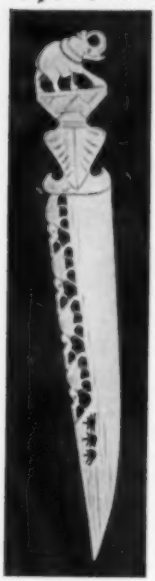

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Homecoming—*continued*

hard to believe."

The little man fell silent and tears began to fill his eyes. Fortunately, the plane was touching down at LaGuardia Field. The hostess flashed a methodic smile as we passed through the hatchway and down the ramp. We wove through masses of hurrying people in the airport lobby and arrived outside where an indifferent Redcap wheeled up our bags to be identified. The little man recognized his mellowed Gladstone. I pointed a shy finger at my overnight case. I fumbled in my coat pocket and pulled out the candy mints—I hadn't even opened them.

An airport limousine glided up in front of us. The little man took his bag and started to enter, then turned back toward me. "Aren't you going into town by limousine?" he asked.

"No," I said, suddenly changing my mind. "I think I'll take a cab."

The little man waved as the limousine passed by me and vanished into the flow of traffic.

I stood there, alone with my thoughts. I couldn't tell him that Denise Lowry was my daughter and I had come to take her back home. ●

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The Drunkard and the Glutton

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pure young brow. The page was blistered with little girls' tears. I read the book several times a year, but I didn't really care when Millie died. She probably looked like Maudie.

It was nice walking out on Sunday. Our starched best petticoats made a pleasant rustling around like a bush full of busy little birds. Our best buttoned shoes were as black as the kitchen stove on Saturday night. The city was quiet. The only wagons were the milk wagons. Very few horse cars ran on Sunday. There were no school bells, and the church bells were softer, sweeter. A great many people walked to church the way the Pilgrims did. If you slept for a hundred years like the Sleeping Beauty, and suddenly woke up on Sunday, you would know what day it was on account of the stillness. Everything and everybody tried to keep that stillness. We didn't play croquet nor hopscotch. The rain would be gentle and the wind quiet. The sky was bluer than it was on weekdays, and the clouds were as white as the "little lambs so white and fair" in the Sunday School song.

Sometimes when Helen and I walked to school we walked on the curbstone and recited "The Walrus and the Carpenter" or sang "There was a fat old Dutchman." But on Sunday we walked nicely along the sidewalk.

"Are you going to have chicken for dinner?" asked Helen.

"No, this is roast beef and Yorkshire pudding Sunday. Are you going to have chicken?"

"Yes, fricasee with dumpling. We're going to have fig cake for supper. Want me to ask my mother if I can invite you to supper?"

"No, because we have a chocolate cake with three layers. I licked the frosting bowl. It was very chocolate-y. Do you want to come to our house?"

"No, but tomorrow after school, if there was any left, I'd like a piece and I could give you a piece of fig cake. The frosting is very high. We could eat it in our cellar, so no one could ask for a bite."

"In the cellar where the apples are?"

"Yes."

"All right."

The future looked pleasant.

We turned into our street and started up the hill. We came to the old stone wall which held a tablet marking the spot where the Charter Oak stood. We touched the tablet, because if you didn't you had bad luck in spelling.

And then Helen, still under the gray shadow of Sunday School said, "What's a glutton?"

"A glutton? A—glutton? Don't you know what a glutton is?"

"No, and you don't either."

"Oooo, I do so!"

"What is it then, smarty?" demanded Helen. I didn't think she was very nice to call me "smarty" on the Holy Sabbath.

"A glutton," I said slowly, "a glutton is —is someone who doesn't take a bath Sat'day night."

"Oh, isn't that orful!" gasped Helen.

"Yes, it is. And when he does, he goes lickity-split to Hell and has to sit in a red tin bath tub full of boiling water for 'leven Sat'days, and the Devil pokes him with a big black pickle fork."

"Oh!"

We walked in silence thinking about the dreadful fate of the unwashed. We were passing Judge Shipman's house when Helen said with a proud air, "Well, anyways, *I* won't go to Hell 'count of being a glutton."

You could tell by her ears that she wouldn't. They were as pink as the ears of a white rabbit with the sun shining through them.

"I won't either," I said, hoping that my ears had that rabbit-y look.

I decided, then, that when I died like Millie, before I started tuning up my harp, I would find an angel with a gold dinner plate behind his head, and ask if I might take one teeny-weeny peek into Hell, to see if there was a red tin bath tub with a nice big dirty glutton in it. ●

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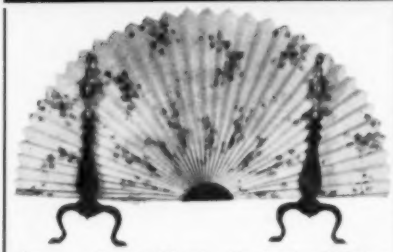

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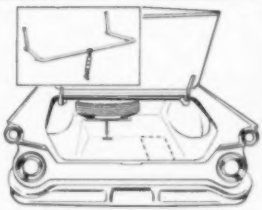

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"The trouble with collecting," says a Livermore Falls, Maine man, "is that as soon as I pick up one thing I've got to keep on and find another of the same thing."

Otho Farrington's collection bug has now completely filled a large cellar and several garages with thousands of spare parts for antique cars, bikes and baby carriages. "Anything that's old and to do with cars fascinates me," Otho admits. This includes old hub caps, spark plugs, carriage lamps, old license plates etc., plus thirty old cars and trucks dating back to 1917. Runner-up to the autos are twenty-three old bikes including one made completely of wood, a couple of hi-wheelers and several bicycles built for two. He also has a lot of Victorian clothing, especially women's hats. These are in answer to many people's request for the appropriate garb for old car driving.

"I started collecting when I was a kid by cutting out and saving advertisements for old cars," Otho recalls, "Professionally I was a milkman for twenty-two years. I started with a horse and wagon before I delivered in a model 'T.' In those days milk was in glass bottles and ran ten cents a quart. By the way, I also collect milk bottles."

"You sure have an awful big pile of stuff," people say when visiting one of his garages. "Well, yes," he'll reply, "but then I'm an old man."

Charles C. Sutton

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Sea Shells in Vermont

Mrs. Viola Coombs of Guilford, Vermont, brightens the corner where she lives by making and decorating objects with fragile sea shells gathered on Florida's beaches. One of her fast selling items is a sweater guard. During the last Christmas season she worked late into many a night filling orders for these sparkling bits of shell craft. The earrings she makes are feathery, flowery or simple—a type to match every mood or costume. Using special tweezers and glue, Mrs. Coombs also decorates straw handbags with sprays of dogwood, double violets and other flowers fashioned from shells.

Like the true artist, Mrs. Coombs enjoys the creating more than the selling. Her family knows that the creaking stairs in the wee hours of an occasional morning does not signify an intruder but simply Mrs. Coombs going down to work out an idea she has just thought of.

Although she is a busy farmer's wife, Mrs. Coombs does find time to go to Florida every winter where she gathers her material and visits her sister's shell craft shop. The artistic results of this southern harvest are sold in nine or ten gift shops throughout New England including the new Mount Snow Gift Shop and the Jewel Box in Plymouth, New Hampshire. But if you're driving north toward Brattleboro, Vermont, on Route 5, drop in and visit the Coombs place—it's four miles past the Vermont line.

Betty C. Davenport

'Too Much Scrubbin'

Perhaps some of you who live or have lived in Hallowell, Maine, can remember back to days long ago when a most unusual and colorful character roamed the countryside around Hallowell. His "small business" of the last century is today almost exclusively done by large mass-production concerns—he made and peddled clothes-pins. Frances Wright Turner, seventy-eight years of age and author of *Follow the River* (see February, 1958, YANKEE, p. 75) and other notable works, can remember seeing, as a small girl, this now legendary character known as Johnny Stringer.

"My first impression of him was of a very small, bow-legged man, much wrinkled with flying wisps of dirty gray hair. He always wore a very tall, old silk hat and from a large (too large) basket he dispensed clothes-pins for his livelihood.

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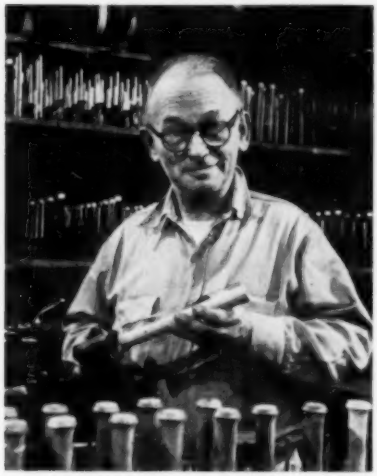
"One day he presented himself at Grandmother's kitchen door and after a while she discovered he had come, hearing of her as a literary woman, to ask or beg her to write a piece about how good his clothes--pins were so he might use it as an inducement for folks to buy them. Grandmother belonged to a family of eleven children and it happened, as Johnny stood in the door, that several were visiting at the time. They all urged Grandmother to please write poor Johnny a nice poem. She finally did write two stanzas which I still have on the original paper. I'm not sure how much good this early "advertisement" did Johnny but as he grew older he could no longer trudge the hills with his basket and he soon became a half-starved bundle of rags. It was said he hid in a sort of dugout under an old church vestry for a while but eventually the authorities took him to the poor house. It was there, Grandmother said, that they gave him a bath and scrubbed him so hard—for it seems he'd *never* been washed—that he caught cold and died."

►Let's move back to the twentieth century again where at times it seems as though "small" business has almost as tough a time as Johnny Stringer in the bathtub. William Koch of Haverhill, New Hampshire, is having no trouble, however —he makes what is considered by many to be the finest recorder in the world. A recorder is a wooden musical instrument that is held like a clarinet and sounds like a first cousin to the metal flute. Music has been written, both in the past and the present, for every possible combination of the soprano, alto, tenor and bass recorders.

A "transplanted native" of New Hampshire, Mr. Koch began making "toodle pipes," as he calls recorders, in Haverhill some twenty-three years ago. It was not an easy business to begin, however. There were no books on recorder-making and he experimented many long months before arriving at an instrument which he considered fine enough to sell. Today his



William Koch and his "toodle pipes."

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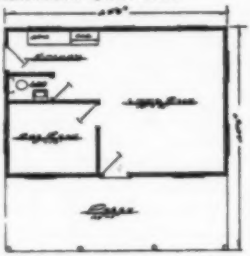

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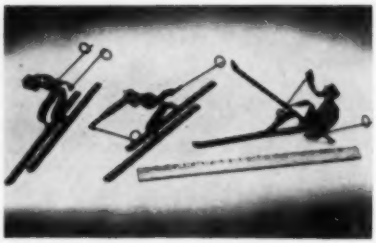

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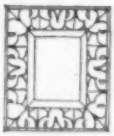

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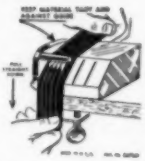

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Typos for Fun

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for a long time. Then, on a new lot, after the name of the treasurer, with a flash of inspiration, we inserted, on one copy, in parenthesis, "Also known as 'Rummy-tum Moneybags'."

His reaction was akin to that of a Floridian facing a snowfall. I thought that now we have gone too far; that there are some natures immune to the terrible impact of inappropriate printing. He scratched his sedate nose. His lips twitched. Then he let go. He laughed hard. "Godfreys, let me have that! I got to show it to my wife! She'll think they're all printed that way! Boy, will she have a fit!"

And she did. She phoned and I let her blast away and said we would, of course, do the program over, and without any additions. We're fine friends now.

Of course this has to be done with extreme care. The phoney copies must be limited, strictly, and the guilty slug instantly plopped into the melting pot. We learned this the softest way possible. The principal of the high school had made a speech of importance and we ran it in full. It included many quotations. The quotation marks on the Linotype were not dropping properly so in the middle of a paragraph I set a note to Jeannette, my wife and partner in many things beside matrimony. "Jane, watch those quotes. This guy has said something worthwhile and we don't want to louse it up."

Jane read the proofs and marked them and I forgot to take out those lines—marked "Delete"—and the note was published.

We have violated that "limited edition" rule just once. For a purpose. Nobody should be too sure of anything except taxes and the last great adventure. And this young man had "been around." Nobody could fool him. He'd heard of the reputa-

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As it happened we were working then on a deluge of orders like his. It was a simple matter to whack out the type and fit his work in with the rest. That afternoon we made delivery. Five of the topmost sheets carried the line "You have been gypped by others, now try us!"

That afternoon I made delivery. "Check 'em, George. No charge. Glad to do it. But see if you like 'em."

He chuckled as he saw the top one. He roared when he saw the second. At the third his eyes did the usual snap-out, snap-back. At the fourth he went sort of pale and his fingers desperately went to the bottom of the package. Then he laughed. Watching him was worth more than cost of the job.

And through this we've acquired three new customers.

We find that such excursions lead to almost permanent advertising for the shop. The other day we discovered that a widely known antique dealer has carried for years in his wallet a "top sheet" card we did bearing the motto "We buy junk; we sell antiques." He brings us repeat orders.

From one angle the Mitchells look upon this all as a public service. It teaches folks to observe more keenly. Just because somebody thinks a thing is so doesn't make it so.

But the brickwall impact of the words in print is hard to combat. Just because it has been printed doesn't make it true.

One of the more sumptuous phonies was the engagement announcement for a local grass widow merchant.

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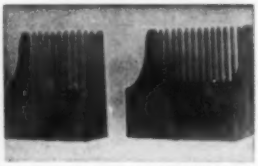

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The chief told me about it and wondered how the joker could be paid back; paid back and more.

This bachelor had a widow working for him. She had so worked for years. The local consensus was that she expected to acquire both the business and the person of the proprietor very shortly.

Indications were that an announcement of the engagement of the merchant with a girl in a city some miles away would be effective. The fact that engagements are not announced on paneled vellum cards, unless etiquette is forgotten, was ignored. There must be progress in all activities.

The girl's name was fictitious. The cards were printed and inserted into matching envelopes. The chief addressed them to those to whom they would have the heaviest impact. He knew the merchant and his friends. Somebody took the batch, stamped, to the distant city and put them in the mail.

Timing his visit behind the mail man the chief lounged in the merchant's emporium. The envelopes were cut open. The cards read. And all hell broke loose.

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The merchant floundered with, "It ain't me. It's my brother's boy up Sanford way. He worked here last summer; has the same name as me!"

This sort of thing kept on all day. A wholesaler entered with broad smile and outstretched right hand. "Congratulations, Hereby, old man! Fine thing, eh?"

The merchant splutterd. The chief stayed as long as he could. He returned next day when the long distance phone calls began to come in. The merchant was reduced to mere blubbering in his denials. The more he denied the more the callers believed.

At the end of two days the chief believed it was enough. He told the businessman the truth. "If you ever try anything like you pulled on me I'll retaliate like this, or worse."

Never again did that practical joker try anything more than a mild caution to his high school boy helper to turn the cans of evaporated milk upside down every night so the cream would not rise in them.

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Gone are the roses, but there are still bachelors addicted to living on the very same hill—among them Charles Smith whose apartment at One Louisburg Square is very possibly within a matter of yards from the Blackstone house of more than 300 years ago.

There the resemblance ceases between Blackstone and Smith. The view from the hill, still beautiful, as shown in our lead photograph, is certainly different; their houses bore no comparison at all, and where Blackstone preached the gospel, Smith preaches only about decorating houses beautifully.

Let's put Charles Smith to the test. No quarreling with his choice of a high place (the East wind brings relief in summer and winter) nor with his choice of a plant—the hydrangea is beautiful.

The dining room design seems very pleasing; the chairs and table are both by Edward Wormley, Dunbar's famous designer, as are all the other furnishings of this hillside apartment. Here, time is not of the essence: the Japanese screen seen in the dining area is 18th century; the Persian ball lighting fixture is modern. Nor is material of the essence: the table is mahogany, and the chairs are ash.

Certainly the bedroom would not seem

Dining area has antique Japanese screen.

Bedroom with a view of Louisburg Square and the Charles River in the distance. The Dunbar furniture is by Ed Wormley.

very New England—the hangings at the window are beads of bamboo, permitting light yet affording privacy, and used in the apartment the year-round. The over-draperies are of linen with Gauguin colors. Still, the note of the East is traditionally New England, and for over three hundred years successive generations have chosen to live on Beacon Hill.

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¼ tsp. pepper
½ tsp. thyme
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2 cups beef broth
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1 pound fresh mushrooms
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1 cup butter
2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1½ cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans
1 tsp. vanilla
⅛ tsp. salt

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Chestnut Cream

1½ pound of chestnuts
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1 cup water
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 tsp. vanilla extract
milk

Remove the outer and the inner skins of the chestnuts and boil until soft with just enough milk to cover. Run through a sieve. Combine the sugar and water and cook for about ten minutes. Mix the chestnut puree and the sugar syrup and, when cool, add the vanilla and the whipped cream. Pile

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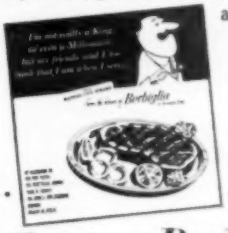

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The Truth about the Dowsers

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the ages of fifteen and sixty-five.

We knew divining was called "water witching" in some parts of the United States, but we were astonished to discover how common this usage is in most regions. Over seventy-eight per cent of the counties in our sample reported that the most common name is "water witching." The English term "water dowsing" is second in popularity, but found mainly in New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. "Water divining" is third in popularity. And then there are a variety of other terms, such as "switching," "water smelling," "water prophesying," and "peach twig toting."

Some form of the forked twig is found wherever divining is practiced. By far the most popular tree from which rods are cut is the peach tree. These are employed especially in the southeast and Middlewest. Willow twigs are in second place, followed less commonly by cherry, apple (which is especially used in New England), elm, and persimmon. A great

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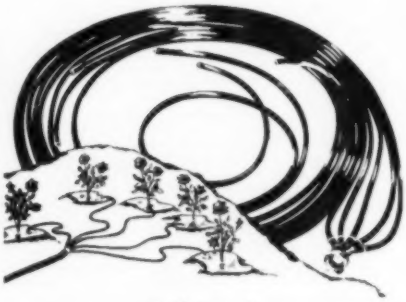

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variety of other trees are mentioned only once or twice in our sample such as hickory, plum, pear, elder, birch, and maple. One California man told us that, in an emergency, even poison oak will do!

Wire is also used in various ways to make divining rods (including baling wire and barbed wire from the nearest fence), especially in the Arid Basin region where trees are scarce. Also, in the metallic vein are welding rods, crow bars, coat hangers, steel files, and pairs of pliers. Other assorted implements, used occasionally, include horse whips, shovels, pitchforks, and especially constructed aluminum rods.

The pendulum is still employed in a few counties, and in a variety of ways: keys suspended from books (often the Bible), watches attached to strings, spools on strands of thread, pennies on the ends of wire, and strings of glass beads.

Most dowsers in the U. S. do no more than attempt to locate the water vein, but some claim to judge the depth to water and the rate of flow. The most common technique for estimating depth is by the

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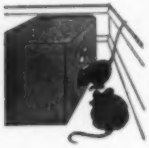
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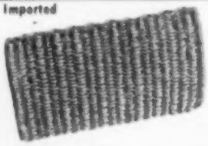
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"amount of pull" on the rod as it goes down. Second in popularity is by "number of bobs" either of the divining rod, or a special stick cut for this purpose. The third technique consists of measuring the distance on the ground from the point where the rod starts to dip, to where it is pointing straight down over the water vein, this being the presumed depth to water. Rate of flow is less commonly estimated, but when it is, the diviner usually depends upon the "amount of pull" for his judgment. Only rarely do dowsers claim the ability to do long distance divining over a map of the site.

We also discovered a rich folklore about water witching. Take, for example, the diviner's notions of how underground water behaves. The diviner persists in the belief that shallow underground water occurs in "veins," like the "veins in your body" as one dowser told us. These "veins" may vary in magnitude from "the size of a pencil" to "underground rivers." Needless to say, this notion bears little relationship to the known geological facts for most areas of the U. S.

There are many kinds of beliefs about why the rod moves. These range from supernatural interpretations (such as the idea that the diviners derive their power from Moses "who was the first water dowser") to quasi-scientific interpretations (such as the idea that the muscles of the diviner are affected by electromagnetic disturbances emanating from underground water). The most frequent explanation is in terms of some kind of attraction between

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stick and water. Other forces mentioned are "electricity," "magnetism," and "chemical."

The folklore is also rich in beliefs as to how or why a certain person becomes a diviner. The most frequent saying has to do with the "power" being inherited either "father to son," or "father to daughter, and mother to son," or "to one person in a family." Many believe that it is a special "gift" of some kind.

An equally important part of the folklore are the rationalizations advanced to account for failures. These frequently take the form of attributing the failure to faulty equipment (e. g., "I couldn't find a good stick that day"); or to some aspect of the situation that negates the findings of the dowser (e. g., "I found I had a knife in my pocket which short-circuited the electric current," or "The vein dried up before they got around to drilling").

Does it work? After reading and weighing all the claims made on behalf of the dowsers throughout the centuries, and the results of laboratory and field experiments, we can only conclude that the evidence for water divining is negative. This evidence comes from various sources and varies in quality. From the scientists's viewpoint, however, we can lump all the evidence into two categories. The first category consists of case histories of actual dowsing performances—personal accounts, second-hand stories, anecdotes—and from field tests in which a group of observers come together to "test" the prowess of a diviner as he attempts to locate a well site. Evidence of this type is characterized by the fact that no standards are supplied against

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which to assess the diviner's performance. What does it mean, for example, if a diviner is "successful" in eight out of ten tries? Such evidence is meaningless without a control baseline. If, under identical conditions, an alternative method is successful only once in ten tries, we might take a second look at the diviner's performance. But if the alternative method is also successful in eight out of ten tries, then the diviner's attempts are not at all impressive.

The second category consists of field experiments and laboratory experiments in which a controlled comparison is provided against which to evaluate the diviner's performance. An example of such an experiment is the one recently performed by the American Society for Psychical Research near Liberty, Maine. Twenty-seven diviners each independently dowsed the same plot of land. Then actual wells were dug to see what the results would be. It was discovered that the diviners' estimates were no better than would be expected by chance. Further, the estimates made by two experts—a geologist and a water-works engineer—under the same conditions were superior to the dowser's estimates and were much better than chance.

Surprisingly enough, both believer and skeptic agree on the story to be derived from these two categories of evidence. The strongest support for the validity of dowsing comes from case histories and field tests. But as we move from the uncontrolled case history to the field and laboratory experiment, the case for dowsing becomes weaker and weaker. The diviner whose reputation is based upon glowing accounts and fervent testimonials suddenly loses his ability when exposed to the cold stare of scientific observation. It is when we come to the moral of the story that believer and skeptic part company. The believer thinks the diviner performs badly under scientific scrutiny because his delicate powers are adversely affected by the artificiality of the experimental conditions. The skeptic draws a simpler moral. The powers of the dowser cannot withstand scientific scrutiny because they never existed in the first place. At the moment, then, there is no evidence meeting scientific standards that

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reason is that even the best estimates from the geologists about the location of underground water are given in *general* terms, almost always leaving it somewhat uncertain as to whether or not water will be found at a *particular* site and at a *specified* depth. The dowser, on the other hand, is very reassuring when his forked stick turns down, he drives a stake in the ground, and says "Drill here." And our information indicates that there is much more dowsing activity in counties where the depth to the water table is variable and uncertain than in counties where the water table is regular, shallow, and certain. It is the fact that the dowser provides certainty at the time of choice of a well site, we believe, that makes him so appealing to our country farmers. It is also a fact that believers in dowsing are much more likely to remember the "successes" and forget, or explain away, the "failures" of their favorite water diviners. Hence, we feel that water witching will persist in the U. S. as long as farmers must choose well sites under conditions where they have few guides as to which of several possible sites will minimize their chances of paying heavily for the water they need. •

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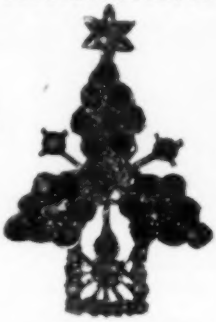

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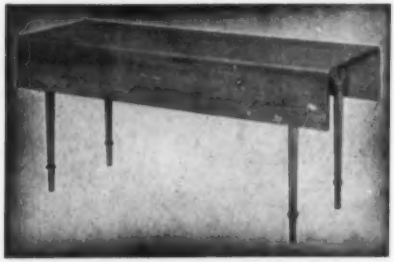

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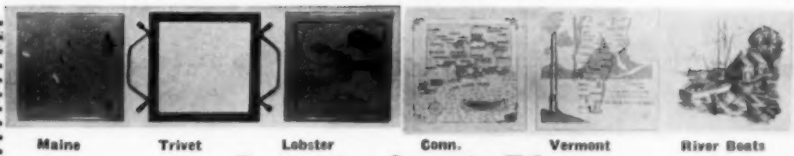

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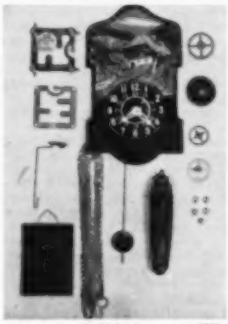

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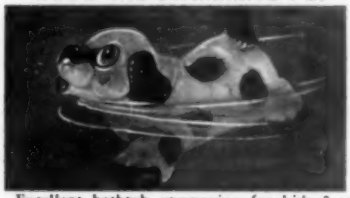

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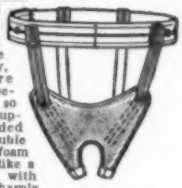

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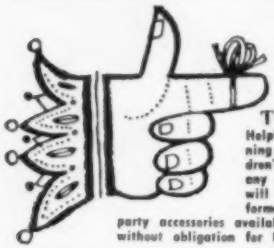

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Stamps Save Lives

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would organize and direct a clearing house for cancelled postage stamps and operate it along strictly businesss lines.

The stamps, Mr. Hazard reasoned, could be collected and sold in bulk to wholesalers, retailers and private collectors here and abroad. The idea effected its own cure. Within hours he was out of bed and busy working out the preliminary details.

A letter briefly explaining the project's philanthropic goals was sent to twenty New England poultry breeders asking that they accumulate used postage from their correspondence and return it to Mr. Hazard. This and other requests bore fruit. The South County Hospital Stamp Project began to hum.

At first, the stamps trickled in a few at a time. Then the inventory grew by degrees until a sizable backlog had accrued at the end of the year in Mr. Hazard's office at his Saunderstown, R. I. farm.

By 1952, after placing an ad for buyers in a philatelic trade journal, he decided to open up for business. Within six months the demand had exhausted the amount of stamps on hand. Mr. Hazard, as project

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manager, had the unhappy task of having to refund money for orders he couldn't hope to fill. Needless to say, the ad was never repeated.

The trickle of stamps became a stream, then a torrent until the flood stage was reached in 1958—and it's still growing. Last year, stamps poured in from forty-eight states and 101 foreign countries. The result is sometimes organized chaos and confusion.

Last year, Rolf Gummersson, a wholesaler in Sweden, purchased 4,000,000 South County Hospital Stamp Project stamps. This sheds some light on the extent of his operations as well as on the mania for stamp collecting that knows no geographical boundaries. Mr. Gummersson is reputedly the only dealer in the world who contracts for stamps also by the ton.

In the past three years, leaders of many organizations wishing to raise money for worthy causes have written Mr. Hazard seeking advice on how to go about initiating their own projects.

Mr. Hazard invariably replies, not forgetting to include a cardinal rule that has paid off: "Find a man who knows stamps, has the time to give and is a glutton for hard work."

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A look at the balance sheet shows that each year the project has turned over an increasingly larger profit to the hospital; 1954, $1,000; 1955, $1,500; 1956, $2,000; 1957, $2,500 and 1958, $2,700. Expenses run about $500 a year for envelopes and postage, some of it coming out of Mr. Hazard's pocket.

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Fall River Line

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the passing of the Fall River Line from the scene. Along with others I watched, when, for the last time, the great boats left. And like many others, even today I miss the excitement and the color that once were the daily fare for all of us in this city.

Every day, in fact, when the great boats were making their trips daily loaded with passengers and cargo for New York from Fall River, had a carnival aspect. No youngster in our neighborhood, and no youngster who ever lived, could ever have tired of watching the tremendous amount of activity that went on near the palatial boats throughout the entire day. And in the evening the great climax when the boat departed, was everything that any child's heart could have desired.

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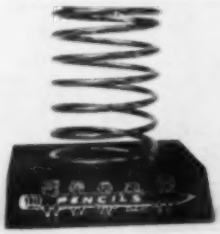

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Fall River—*continued*

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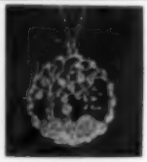

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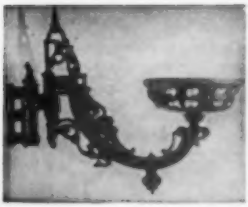

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Now that the boats of the line are no more, people who once rode the Fall River Line, are often surprised when in nearby Newport to hear the familiar whistle of the *Priscilla* from time to time sounding across the bay. Before the boats were scrapped, the owners of the ferries that ply the waters between Jamestown and Newport purchased the whistle of the *Priscilla* and installed it on one of the ferries.

The demise of the line was inevitable, as inevitable as was the passing of the romantic steam locomotive which once delighted the children who never tired of watching these roaring monsters. Say what you may, the diesels just don't seem to have the esthetic appeal to kids that the great coalburning locomotives had. The diesels are very efficient, but, for the sake of efficiency something had to be sacrificed, and that was the unexplainable something about the old steam locomotives. Even the engineers today aren't the romantic figures their predecessors were. I saw one on the job recently wearing a business suit and a soft hat—the last straw as far as any fanatical steam locomotive fan is concerned. One of my friends who is such a fanatic showed me a clipping where, during a cold-spell last winter, many of the diesels had frozen up in the cold. "That'd never happen if they still had the old-timers on!" he exclaimed fiercely.

But the boats are gone, and they will never return. You will find a great many Fall Riverites who regret their passing. They feel that not only Fall River residents, but all of us in this country, lost a part of the great American past that, while it was necessary that it pass, was a regrettable loss. The Fall River Line boats, however, represent one of the most colorful, exciting and romantic chapters in the American past, and as such deserve affectionate remembrance. ●

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Camden Harbor and Mount Battie, Maine, by C. T. Berry from* Penobscot. *See below.

Fruit Key and Twig Key, by William M. Harlow, illustrated, 56 pages with index, $1.25, Dover Publications, N.Y.C. A quick guide to any tree growing in Eastern North America. Of course, a *must.*

Penobscot, by Gorham Munson, with woodcuts by Carroll Thayer Berry, 400 pages with index, $6.00, Lippincott, Philadelphia. The author knows his way around in the English language—as well as in the region of Maine he writes so entertainingly about. A *good* book—what more can we say?

The Maine Two Footers, by Linwood W. Moody (of Brooks, Maine), 215 pages, fully illustrated, $6.00, Howell-North, Berkeley, Calif. Utter, sheer delight—this labor of love by a man any of us would be proud to know. (It's about the little two-foot gauge railroads of Maine.)

Big River, Big Man, by Thomas W. Duncan, 1022 pages, $6.95, Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa. You like historical novels? This one takes in practically the whole continent and by such a delightful author, we don't see how you can miss. The "Big Man" is the American man who conquered the West.

Come Aboard The Draggers, by Cap'n Ellery Thompson, 119 pages, illustrated, $3.75, from the author at Stonington, Conn. This is the stuff of which New England is made. What a man! If you like New England, don't miss it. (He paints, too!)

The Birth of New England, by Thurlow S. Widger, 82 pages, paper back, $1.50 from the author at Marblehead, Mass. A short summary of New England origins which contains some facts with which some will not be familiar.

Cap'n Ellery Thompson feels at home with both pen and brush. For details on his book,* Come Aboard The Draggers *see above.

Champlain Valley Bibliography, by Gertrude Cone, State University Teachers College, Plattsburgh, N. Y. 144 pages, no price given, obtainable from author. Lists all publications on the Champlain Valley—a real and valuable contribution to research lore, writers and others interested in the area.

Early American Soil Conservationists, 63 pages, no price given, paper-back. Interesting and valuable—and quotable. B. A. Roth, 7600 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, Pa. will give you the price and how to obtain.

New England Galaxy, Vol. 1, No. 1—A New England Quarterly, edited by Catherine Fennelly for Sturbridge Village, 24 pages, single copy 75c, free with Sturbridge Village membership ($10 up to $5000). Nicely gotten up first issue, its authentic articles and illustrations will remain valuable source material.

Nantucket's 300 Years, official booklet by Stanley Jones and Fred Gardner Company, 40 pages, paper cover, no price given (we guess $1.50—try it anyhow) to Inquirer and Mirror, Nantucket, Mass. Really well done, and what, we ask, out of Nantucket ever hasn't been?

How To Decorate With Antiques, by Ethel Hall Bjorhoe, 256 large pages with index, only $4.95, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y. A beauteous bargain if we ever saw one. If with it in hand your home or apartment is not "just so," it never will be.

36 Miles of Trouble, by Victor Morse, illustrated, 40 pages, paper cover $1.00, handbound $3.00, Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt. The story (a fascinating one too) of the ill-fated little railroad which ran between Brattleboro and So. Londonderry, Vermont.

Yankee's New Fiction Editor . . .

YANKEE is pleased to announce that Hallie Burnett (below), novelist, short story writer and, for years, co-editor of *Story* and *The Story Press,* has been appointed Fiction Editor. Mrs. Burnett was a member of the 1959 staff at Wagner College Writer's Conference, in charge of the Short Fiction Work-shop. She is also a judge for the Book-of-the-Month Club. Good fiction ahead!

Poetry

(EDITED BY JEAN BURDEN)

BIRD WORSHIP IS THE RELIGION OF NEW ENGLAND

MARGERY MANSFIELD

Bird worship is the religion of New England.
(I, too, love birds, although I point it out)
But where can you find so many of the devout?
—The daily ritual of the suet hung
Out of the reach of squirrels, or the squirrel shot.
(God pity the cat, if there should ge a gun!)

Some naturalists maintain the earthy worm
(That robins eat) is friend of man; that owl and shrike and hawk
Can kill more birds than do creatures without wings,
Despite the lightning pounce or stealthy stalk.
But in New England it will do no good to talk
Of any of these things.

It's probable that God is able to love
Any of the species he has made,
Justice being free of prejudice.
But in New England there is heresy in this.
Nor do I hope to be,
Myself, as free
Of bigotry as I am sure God is.

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We offer brief apologies to the grace
Of emptiness and space,

To children who used our lot
As a cross-cut to school
And for kite-flying room,

And to wild grasses and sunflowers
Plowed under
Before they had a chance to bloom.

ZOO

OLIVER HALE

Bison
He passes before me like an old day
out of history, and rocks for ribs stands
hill-high and grown with moss; for yesterday
in Time he was as grass upon the lands,
rooted, binding the continental sands.

Camel
The tawny back raises its desert from
the sands, the Nile runs in his pyramid.
He is in my mind like an ancient name
found in histories, on which he has fed,
chewing on Pharoahs and the cud of Time.

Elephant
His trunk, a nimble clown, plays mendicant
and shows sly humors to the crowd, but in
the jungle of his mind he is withdrawn.
Yet largeness makes him clear like a statement
of fact, or a truth suddenly seen plain.

Giraffe
Here height rises in flight from the eye and
then bends into lowness, seeking water
which levels all life. Up his sloping land
climb the athletic insects of the air,
their wills aspiring though their flesh is sand.

Gorilla
What locks those fingers similar to mine,
and keeps that thumb unflexed? I feel his rage
beat at me like a storm. You other man,
forgive us for these bars, though your stopped brain
is captive of another kind of cage.

Hippopotamus
Against my day he is an odor from
an indeterminate swamp, the rude past
of his flesh solvent with a present name.
I feel him, damp, original, his slime
earlier than orchids, holding him fast.

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Give over now to earth. There is no holding
Of green that stayed awhile on the stem of summer.
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Pick up the last fallen petal, and go on folding

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